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MESSAGE DISCUSSED

Views on President McKinley's First Communication to Congress.

IT MEETS WITH GENERAL APPROVAL

Senator Hanna Said It Was Short, Sharp and to the Point—Some Expected Reference to the Foreign Questions.

Washington, March 16.—President McKinley's first message meets with approval in republican ranks, but there was some disappointment in the omission of all reference to foreign questions. Mr. Hanna said it was short, sharp and to the point, dealing only with the subjects which Mr. McKinley believed should come before this session. Mr. Lodge characterized it as an excellent presentation of the tariff subject reinforced by just sufficient figures to make the arguments convincing. Mr. Proctor considered it a typical republican message on the one point to which the president drew public attention. The following is the full text of the document:

Condition of the Revenues Unjustifiable.

To the Congress of the United States—Regretting the necessity which has required me to call you together, I feel that your assembling in extraordinary session is indispensable because of the condition in which we find the revenues of the government. It is conceded that its current expenditures are greater than its receipts and that such a condition has existed for now more than three years. With unlimited means at our command, we are presenting the remarkable spectacle of increasing our public debt by borrowing money to meet the ordinary outlays incident upon even an economical and prudent administration of the government. An examination of the subject discloses this fact in every detail and leads inevitably to the conclusion that the condition of the revenues which allows it is unjustifiable and should be corrected. We find by the reports of the secretary of the treasury that the revenues for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1892, from all sources were $425,868,260.22 and the expenditures for all purposes were $415,953,806.56, leaving an excess of receipts over expenditures of $9,914,453.66. During that fiscal year $40,570,467.98 were paid upon the public debt, which had been reduced since March 1, 1889, $259,076,890, and the annual interest charge decreased $11,584,576 60. The receipts of the government from all sources during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1893, amounted to $461,716,561.94 and its expenditures to $459,374,887.65, showing an excess of receipts over expenditures of $2,341,674.29. Since that time the receipts of no fiscal year, and with but few exceptions of no month of any fiscal year, have exceeded the expenditures. The receipts of the government from all sources during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1894, were $372,802,498.29, and its expenditures $442,605,758.87, leaving a deficit, the first since the resumption of specie payments, of $69,803,260.58. Notwithstanding there was a decrease of $16,769,125.78 in the ordinary expenses of the government, as compared with the previous fiscal year, its income was still not sufficient to provide for its daily necessities and the gold reserve in the treasury for the redemption of greenbacks was drawn upon to meet them. But this did not suffice and the government then resorted to loans to replenish the reserve.

Not Enough Revenue.

In February, 1894, $50,000,000 in bonds were issued, and in November following a second issue of $50,000,000 was deemed necessary. The sum of $117,171,795 was realized by the sale of these bonds, but the reserve was steadily decreased until on February 8, 1895, a third sale of $62,315,400 in bonds for $65,116,244, was announced to congress. The receipts of the government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1895, were $390,373,263.30 and the expenditures $433,178,426.48, showing a deficit of $42,805,223.19. A further loan of $100,000,000 was negotiated by the government in February, 1896, the sale netting $111,166,246, and swelling the aggregate of bonds issued within three years to $262,315,400. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1895, the revenues of the government from all sources amounted to $469,475,408.78, while its expenditures were $434,678,654.48, or an excess of expenditures over receipts of $25,203,245.70. In other words, the total receipts for the three fiscal years ending June 30, 1896, were insufficient by $137,811,729.46 to meet the total expenditures.

Nearly $200,000,000 Deficiency.

Nor has this condition since improved. For the first half of the present fiscal year the receipts of the government, exclusive of postal revenues, were $157,507,603.76, and its expenditures, exclusive of postal service, $195,410,000.22, or an excess of expenditures over receipts of $37,902,396.46. In January of this year the receipts, exclusive of postal revenues, were $24,316,994.05, and the expenditures, exclusive of postal service, $30,369,389.29, a deficit of $5,052,395.24 for the month. In February of this year the receipts, exclusive of postal revenues, were $24,400,997.38, and expenditures, exclusive of postal service, $28,796,056.66, a deficit of $4,395,059.28, or a total deficiency of $186,061,560.44 for the three years and eight months ending March 1, 1897.

Big Increase in Interest Charge.

Not only are we without a surplus in the treasury, but with an increase in the public debt there has been a corresponding increase in the annual interest charge from $22,893,883.20 in 1892, the lowest of any year since 1862, to $[illegible]7,297.60 in 1896, or an increase of $11,493,414.40. It may be urged that even if the revenues of the government had been sufficient to meet its ordinary expenses during the past three years, the gold reserve would still have been insufficient to meet the demands upon it, and that bonds would necessarily have been issued for its repletion. Be this as it may, it is clearly manifest, without denying or affirming the correctness of such a conclusion, the debt would have been decreased in at least the amount of the deficiency, and business confidence immeasureably strengthened throughout the country.

Tariff Urged Before Other Business.

Congress should promptly correct the existing condition. Ample revenue must be supplied, not only for the ordinary expenses of the government, but for the prompt payment of liberal pensions and the liquidation of the principal and interest of the public debt. In raising revenue, duties should be so levied upon foreign products as to preserve the home market, so far as possible, to our own producers; to revive and increase manufactures; to relieve and encourage agriculture; to increase our domestic and foreign commerce; to aid and develop mining and building, and to render to labor in every field of useful occupation the liberal wages and adequate rewards to which skill and industry are justly entitled. The necessity of the passage of a tariff law which shall provide ample revenue need not be further urged. The imperative demand of the hour is the prompt enactment of such a measure, and to this object I earnestly recommend that congress shall make every endeavor. Before other business is transacted, let us first provide sufficient revenue to faithfully administer the government without the contracting of further debt or the continued disturbance of our finances.

WILLIAM M'KINLEY.

Executive Mansion, March 15, 1897.

CUSTOMS RECORD BROKEN.

Rush of Importers To Get Goods Out of Bond Continues.

New York, March 16.—Importers continue the rush to get goods out of bond. Yesterday $2,667,979.51 was paid in, and the record of receipts for one day at the custom house was broken. The day's payments included $489,464.15 in import or straight duties as distinguished from duties paid on goods in bond, so that $2,178,515.36 was paid to take goods, mainly wool, woolens, worsteds, sugar and tobacco, out of bonded warehouses by importers. There were 790 import entries and 2,838 withdrawal entries. Into the sub-treasury banks had paid $2,850,000 as special customs deposits.

Philadelphia, March 15.—The receipts at the custom house yesterday were the heaviest on record at this port, aggregating $316,141 06.

Cut in the Price of Rubber Shoes.

Boston, March 16.—The Boston Rubber Shoe company, one the largest corporations in the manufacture of rubber shoes, has sent out a circular to the trade in which a reduction of from 12 to 16 per cent. was made from the price list of last year. The reduction was in the nature of a surprise to the other manufacturers, most of whom are in the United States Rubber company, popularly known as the "rubber trust." It was taken in some quarters to mean a fight on the United States Rubber company.

Desire Union with Greece.

Athens, March 16.—A dispatch from Canea says that at a conference held there between the admirals commanding the foreign warships and the chiefs in command of the insurgents, the latter declared that they desired the union of the island with Greece. The disbanded Montenegrin gendarmes at Canea have placed themselves subject to the orders of the Russian admiral. Nine hundred volunteers have arrived here from Alexandria and 1,200 have arrived at Larissa from Macedonia.

Death of Rev. E. S. Ellis.

Boston, March 16.—The American board of commissioners for foreign missions has received intelligence of the death in Harpoot, eastern Turkey, Feb. 22, of Rev. Egbert Smyth Ellis. Mr. Ellis was born in Kittery, Me., May 3, 1866. His father was the Rev. Thomas Long Ellis. He was graduated from Williams college in 1890, and from Andover seminary in 1894. He embarked from New York for the foreign field, Sept. 26, 1894.

Against a State Printing Plant.

Boston, March 16.—The legislative committee on printing has voted against a state printing plant. Two Boston members of the committe dissented.

found in this paragraph: Sugars, tank bottoms, etc., the product of any country which pays, directly or indirectly, a bounty on the export thereof, whether imported directly and in condition as exported therefrom, or otherwise, shall pay, in addition to the foregoing rates, a duty equal to such bounty, or so much thereof as may be in excess of any tax collected by such country upon such articles, or upon the beet or cane from which it was produced. It is provided that this shall not affect the existing Hawaiian reciprocity treaty.

PREDATORY ALBANIANS.

They Pillage Six Villages, Burn Three Others and Shoot Twenty-four Persons.

Vienna, March 16.—A band of Albanians from Uskub, some twenty-five miles south of the Servian frontier, have pillaged six villages in the vicinity of Uskub and burned three others. In their attacks on the villages they shot twenty-four persons. Later the Albanians crossed the Servian frontier with the evident intention of continuing their marauding on Servian territory. They were, however, met by a party of Servian gendarmes, who had received warning of their approach, and were repulsed after a struggle in which a number on both sides were killed or wounded. The Turkish government has sent troops to deal with the predatory Albanians.

15 DEAD; 13 WILL DIE.

Turret Gun Bursts on a Russian Man-of-War.

London, March 16.—A dispatch to the Graphic from Canea says that a gun exploded yesterday on the Russian turret ship Sisoi Veliky, killing fifteen men and wounding an officer and twenty seamen. The Sisoi Veliky is one of the largest vessels in the Russian navy. The vessel was practicing outside of Suda bay, when one of her turret guns exploded, owing to the breech not having been properly closed. Besides the fifteen men killed outright thirteen others were so badly injured that they will die.

Floods in the South.

Memphis, Tenn., March 16.—The first loss of life resulting from the high water was recorded last night, an entire negro family and one white child being drowned at Marion, Ark. It is believed many have perished owing to the serious condition in all that county, but news from there is difficult to obtain. A number of local vessels are actively engaged in rescuing people and stock from the overflowed sections of Arkansas and the river islands and hundreds of them are now being provided for in this city. The river is still rising. It is also rising at Cairo so that the rise here and below will continue for at least two days more.

Death Sentences Confirmed.

Trenton, March 16.—The court of errors and appeals has confirmed the convictons of Jacob S. Johnson and Daniel Ackerman, both of whom are under sentence of death. Johnson is a colored preacher and was convicted of murdering a woman in Summerville, N. J. Ackerman was convicted of killing his wife. The men will be rearraigned and dates for their execution fixed.

Broke His Hand in a Fight Contest.

Buffalo, March 16.—The 20-round fight between George McFadden of New York and Hiram Goldstein of Buffalo last night resulted in a draw. McFadden broke his right hand early in the third round in landing a swing over Goldstein's heart. As a result he fought mainly on the defensive thereafter, displaying the cleverest guard seen in Buffalo in a long time.

The Kaiser Murder Trial.

Norristown, Pa., March 16.—The trial of Charles O. Kaiser, jr., charged with the murder of his wife, is being continued to-day. When Kaiser was put on the stand in his own defense he told a straightforward story and made a good impression until the cross-examination was begun, when he made a few damaging admissions.

Chaplain of Holy Cross College.

Worcester, Mass., March 16.—Rev. Edward V. Boursaud, S. J., who was at one time president of Boston college, and up to Saturday connected with that institution, has been appointed chaplain of Holy Cross college, vice Rev. Father Loyzance, deceased.

Boy Dead of Rabies, Father of Shock.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., March 16.—John Cramer, a 16-year-old boy living at Duryea, died last evening from hydrophobia. His sufferings were so terrible to witness that his father was overcome and dropped dead at his son's bedside.

Struck and Killed by a Train.

Bath, N. Y., March 16.—A buggy in which were seated Sanford Gardiner and Mrs. Charles Fenton was struck by a train on the Erie railroad while crossing the tracks of that road in this village yesterday. Mrs. Fenton was killed. Mr. Gardiner escaped.

Appointed by Vice-President Hobart.

Washington, March 16.—Vice-President Hobart has appointed Frederick Evans, jr., of Newark, N. J., as his private secretary, and Harry Bastianelli of New Jersey as messenger.

THE EXTRA SESSION

Political Complexion of the New House of Representatives.

REPUBLICAN MAJORITY OVER ALL 55

No Contest Over the Election of Officers—All the Old Force, Including Speaker Reed, Re-elected—Senator Peffer's Successor.

Washington, March 16.—The house of representatives as organized yesterday consists of 357 members, of whom 209 served in the last congress, and 16 in former congresses, while 132 have never served in congress before. Politically classified there are 206 republicans, 122 democrats and 29 fusion silverites and populists. There were 341 of them present. The vote on the election of speaker was: For Mr. Reed, rep., Me., 199; for Mr. Bailey, dem., Tex., 114; for Mr. Bell, pop., Tex., 21, and for Mr. Newlands, sil., Nev., 1. Mr. Reed, having been declared duly elected speaker of the house for the 55th congress, made a short speech, promising to perform the duties of his office "without fear, favor or hope of reward," and declaring that he was "more impressed by the sence of responsibility than cheered by the sentiment of thankfulness." The oath of office was administered to him by Mr. Harmer, rep., Pa., the senior member in point of continuous service, and the speaker in turn administered the oath to all the members. Then the clerk and other officers of the last house were re-elected for the present congress. At this point in the organization the machinery got somewhat out of geer, the house refusing, by a bare majority of one, to adopt the rules of last house until further orders. That was the result of a count by the speaker, but when the same question came to be voted on by yeas and nays there was a republican majority of over twenty, and the resolution was agreed to. After the amusing scene of "drawing for seats" came to a close, the president's message was presented and read, the Dingley tariff bill was introduced, the committees on rules, ways and means and mileage were appointed and the house adjourned till Thursday next.

The Senate.

In the senate, after President McKinley's proclamation convening the Fifty-fifth congress in extraordinary session was read, W. A. Harris, populist, appeared and took the oath of office as senator from Kansas to succeed Mr. Peffer, but the credentials of Henry W. Corbett, appointed by the governor of Oregon to succeed Mr. Mitchell (the legislature having failed to elect him), were referred to the committee on privileges and elections. The first message of President McKinley was then read and the senate adjourned until to-day.

For Killing His Father.

Philadelphia, March 16.—Robert Welsh, aged 18 years, pleaded guilty to murder in the second degree for causing the death of his father, Ralph Welsh, in this city on Dec. 12. The boy was protecting his mother and hit his father over the head with an axe handle in alleged self defense. Judge Yerkes committed the prisoner to the Huntingdon reformatory and stated that his term of imprisonment would depend upon his own conduct.

SHELDON BREAKS DOWN.

The Convicted Wife Murderer Weeps While Being Conveyed to Prison.

Auburn, N. Y., March 16.—For the first time since the commencement of the trial Frank Sheldon, the wife murderer, gave way to his emotion last evening. It occurred while he was being conveyed from the jail to state prison. During the ride he broke down and cried like a child, but this display of feeling was of short duration. His eyes were dry when the party arrived at the prison entrance, and he walked with a firm step. The factory whistles were sounding the hour of 6 when the heavy gate closed on the convicted man, and soon afterwards he was conducted to a cell in the condemned chamber, where he is to remain until put to death in the electric chair during the week of April 25. The conviction of Sheldon was a great surprise, as the jury was out for eight-six hours.

The Case of Iasigi.

Albany, March 16.—Gov. Black has decided to grant the requisition of Gov. Wolcott of Massachusetts for the extradition of Joseph A. Iasigi, the Turkish consul-general at Boston, under arrest in New York city for embezzlement, with the provison that the chief of police of New York city should not execute the warrant until the United States supreme court has decided the appeal which Iasigi's counsel has taken from the order of Justice Brown refusing to grant a writ of habeas corpus.

Walling and Jackson To Hang.

Frankfort, Ky., March 16.—Gov. Bradley has refused a respite in the case of Alonzo Walling, convicted of complicity in the murder of Pearl Bryan. Walling will be hanged with Scott Jackson next Saturday.

THE NEW TARIFF BILL

Its Promoters Say It Would Increase Revenue $12,000,000.

SUMMARY OF ITS MAIN FEATURES

The Bill, Besides Raising Additional Revenue, Is Intended To Encourage the Industries of the United States.

Washington, March 16.—The new tariff bill now before the house contains many of the rates imposed in the old McKinley measure. The bill has two purposes, namely, to raise additional revenue and to encourage the industries of the United States. On the basis of the importations of the last fiscal year, the bill would increase the revenue about $112,000,000, divided among the several schedules roughly as follows: Chemicals, $3,500,000; crockery and glassware, $4,000,000; metals, $4,000,000; wood, $1,750,000; sugar, $21,750,000; tobacco, $7,000,000; agriculture, $6,300,000; liquors, $1,800,000; cottons, $1,700,000; jute, linen and hemp, $7,800,000; wool, $17,500,000; manufactares of wool, $27,000,000; silks, $1,500,000; pulp and paper, $58,000; sundries, $6,200,000. This estimate is on the supposition that the imports of each class of goods would be the same the next fiscal year as in the fiscal year ended last June. But as the imports of wool were three times as great and those of woolen goods more than twice as great in pounds as in 1893, the committee assumes that their excessive importation would be largely reduced by the proposed bill, although the fact that our domestic production of wool has diminished 8,000,000 pounds since 1893 will necessitate the importation of much more wool now than in the latter year. The principal features of the bill are as follows:

Raw Wool.

Schedule K—Wool and manufactures of wool. All wools, hairs of the camel, goat, alapaca, and like animals are divided into three classes: Class 1—merino, mestiza, metz, or metis wools, or other wools of merino blood, immediate or remote—down clothing wools, and wools of like character, including Bagdad wool, China lamb's wool, Castle Branca, Adrianople skin wool or butcher's wool, and such as have been usually imported into the United States from Buenos Ayres, New Zealand, Australia, Cape of Good Hope, Russia, Great Britain, Canada, Egypt, Morocco and elsewhere, and also including all wools not designated in class 2 and 3; class 2—Leicester, Cotswold, Lincolnshire, Down combing wools, Canada long wools, or other like combing wools of English blood, hair of the camel, angora goat, alpaca, and like animals; class 3—Donskoi, native South American, Cordova, Valparaiso, native Smyrna, Russian camel's hair, and wools of like character as have been imported into the United States from Turkey, Greece, Syria and elsewhere, excepting improved wools herein provided for. The duties fixed are: Class 1, 11 cents a pound; class 2, 12 cents; class 3, on wools valued at 13 cents or less per pound, including charges, and on common goat hair, 32 per cent. ad valorem; valued at more than 13 cents per pound, 50 per cent. ad valorem.

Woolen Manufactured Goods.

On cloths, knit fabrics, not especially provided for in this act, and on all manufactures of every description made wholly or in part of wool, not specially provided for, valued at not more than 30 cents per pound, the duty shall be three times the duty on unwashed wool of the first class; more than 30 cents and not more than 40, three and one-half times; more than 40 cents, four times; more than 50 and not more than 70 cents, 21 cents. On blankets and flannels for underwear composed wholly or in part of wool, valued at not more than 30 cents per pound, the duty shall be the same as on one pound and one-half of unwashed wool of the first class, and in addition 5 cents per pound and 15 per centum ad valorem. On blankets valued at more than 50 cents per pound, three and one-half times the duty on unwashed wool of the first class, and in addition 15 cents per pound and 20 per centum ad valorem. Flannels valued above 50 cents per pound, the same duty as women's and children's dress goods. On women's and children's dress goods, coat linings, Italian cloths and goods of similar character, valued at not exceeding 15 cents per square yard, 7 cents per square yard, and in addition thereto 2 cents per square yard for every 5 cents per square yard or fractional part thereof of value in excess of 22½ cents per square yard.

The Sugar Schedule.

Schedule E—Sugar, molasses and manufactures of, is one of the shortest, as well as most important schedules of the bill. Sugar not above No. 16 Dutch standard and concentrates testing not above 75 degrees are dutiable at 1 cent per pound and .03 cent additional for each degree above; above No 16 and on all refined sugars 1.875 cents per pound; molasses above 56 degrees 6 cents per gallon. The check against foreign bounties is found in this paragraph: Sugars, tank bottoms, etc., the product of any country which pays, directly or indirectly, a bounty on the export thereof, whether imported directly and in condition as exported therefrom, or otherwise, shall pay, in addition to the foregoing rates, a duty equal to such bounty, or so much thereof as may be in excess of any tax collected by such country upon such articles, or upon the beet or cane from which it was produced. It is provided that this shall not affect the existing Hawaiian reciprocity treaty.

EVE OF THE BIG FIGHT

Everything Ready for the Mighty Contest at Carson.

CORBETT AND FITZ IN FINE FORM

Stuart Decides To Pull Off All of the Three Fights To-morrow—But Little Betting on the Results.

Carson, Nev., March 16.—The eve of the day of the big fight finds everybody here in a state of high expectancy. Corbett and Fitzsimmons eased up in their training to-day, and both express confidence of victory in the fight to-morrow, but it was quite noticeable that neither now claim confidence of as easy or speedy victory as they have heretofore maintained. Dan Stuart has decided that all three of the fights will be pulled off to-morrow, thus making the carnival the greatest in the history of pugilism. Hawkins, Flaherty, Green and Smith were ordered to be on hand for medical inspection to-morrow morning. The men will be examined by the official physician, Dr. Guinan of this city. Two specials and the regular train landed a goodly crowd of sports this morning, and the town has taken on a busy appearance.

Last of the Training.

Corbett played with his favorite wrist machine for about ten minutes this morning. He gazed at the old shaft and told the spectators how many years he had worked up muscle with the apparatus. The driving power behind the blows which laid out Sullivan and Mitchell was all generated with the weights and shaft which will pass into the hands of a San Francisco journalist to-morrow. Jim lost all his sentimentality when he faced the punching bag, however, and he cuffed it about as though he had no further use for it. He punched the bag for an hour and then announced himself ready to take Jim Nelson's scalp at handball. Three red-hot games were played in less than an hour, and Nelson did not figure in any of them to much extent. His easy victory over Nelson left Jim in rare good humor, and he took pity on his trainers when the gloves were brought out. Eighteen rounds in all were gone through with and no blood spilled. Very few visitors saw Fitzsimmons put in his last morning's work. The Cornishman scorched around the ranch on his wheel for an hour before putting on his running shoes. He did not waste much time in sprinting and seemed impatient to get in the gymnasium. The punching bag was given a long inning, and the drives which Bob let go were no love taps, either. Roeber, Hickey and Stenzler received no consideration, and they had barely enough energy left to kick up their heels when the boxing was all over.

Few Bets Made.

The great championship battle will not be a betting affair. In fact there is less play on the heavyweight event than on any of the other fights. Most of the combinations beginning with Corbett and ending with Hawkins, commanded a premium of 20 per cent. over those ending with Flaherty, and almost 40 per cent. over those beginning with Fitzsimmons, Smith and Green, are being played lightly at about even money. Fitzsimmons' adherents want 10 to 6 on their man. The pool rooms are laying 10 to 7 and taking in nothing on the Australian. Not a single individual bet of any magnitude has been reported in Carson. The ring posts and ropes arrived from San Francisco last night and will be set in place to-day by Charles B. Tidball of the Tivoli opera house. The platform will be floored with tongue-grooved white pine, carefully planed and covered with resin. The ring proper will be 24 feet square within the ropes and the platform will project 18 inches beyond the ropes.

Several Will Challenge the Winner.

Tom Sharkey, who has taken the measure of both the champions, arrived with a bulging pocketbook, and will be ready with a challenge to the winner on Wednesday. The sailor will receive no recognition whatever from either Corbett or Fitzsimmons, if the statements of their managers go for anything. Choynski, Maher, Goddard and others who are reported to be ready with a defi, will also be overlooked. Dan Stuart's office is being closely guarded by a couple of Pinkerton detectives. Thief-takers in citizens clothes are scattered all over the town, and crooks will find the situation very hard. The Western Union Telegraph company have every mile of wire between Carson and Reno guarded with patrolmen, and there is little chance of any successful wire tapping.

Tenure of Office of Postmasters.

Washington, March 16.—Postmaster-General Gary has made an announcement of intereat to democratic postmasters whose terms expire on various dates under the new administration. He says he has decided to adhere to the four-year tenure of office policy for postmasters except in cases where such officials should be removed for cause.

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WHERE RUBBER GROWS.

How Caoutchouc Is Sought and Found in Tropical Forests.

An American's Adventures in the Eager Quest — White Men Are Dealers But Not Hunters—An Industry of the Future.

[Special Kingston (Jamaica) Letter.]

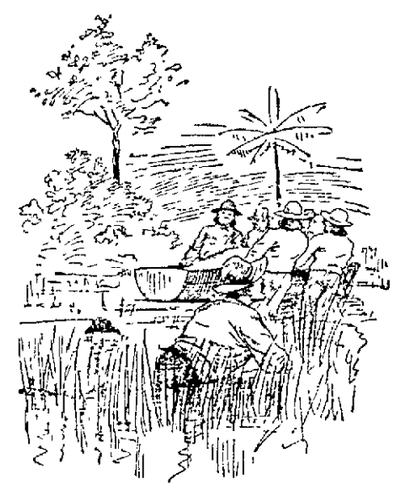
There is perhaps no one article of commerce that plays such a varied and important part in the everyday life of modern civilization of the origin of which so little is popularly known as India rubber. Everybody knows what that substance is, and something of the infinite variety of uses to which it is put, but few indeed know anything of

A NIGHT CAMP.

its origin, and still fewer, I fancy, have any conception of the future that lies before its production as a tropical industry. A few notes on these points may therefore prove of interest.

Most of the India rubber at present comes from the forests of Brazil and Central America, but it is shipped in smaller quantities from Venezuela, British Guiana and other tropical countries. The process of gathering the gum is identical everywhere, and so far as this part of the subject is concerned, I may quote my own experience. Knowing a lot about gold mining, I went down to Guiana to look for gold. I got no gold. I knew nothing at all about India rubber, but it was with rubber that I covered my losses and came out with a satisfactory surplus. White men never dream of gathering their own rubber. The plan is to equip natives and send them after it, paying by results; but as I knew nothing about the matter, I set off with my party of Indians as though I were gold prospecting. Well. I had a trifle rougher time of it, that was all; and gained a deal of experience. The difference is this—in gold prospecting you stick to the rivers, while in rubber gathering you must leave the rivers far behind you and thread the dense and pathless forests.

For the first night, perhaps, you seek a river camp, after the manner of the miners. That is, you take your choice between slinging your hammock under trees, over marshy ground, as the Indians do, or squatting on the tarpaulin that covers your mound of stores in the lugout. The latter is not so comfortable as the former, but it is safer, as you escape the malarial miasma so fatal to the white man. The next stage in this cheerful, but withal, profitable, venture is to drag your boat—"portaging," they call it—through the better part of a mile of grass-tangled swamp until higher ground is reached, and the real forest begins. There you will perhaps pitch your tent, and then the business begins. You set about hunting the rubber trees and gathering their precious gum. The work is not without a certain interest, especially if you are new to it, as I was; but there are decided drawbacks, some of a most disagreeably literal sort—as when a boa suddenly launches at you from an overhanging



THROUGH GRASS-TANGLED SWAMPS

bough, and you have to argue all you know how with a machete to persuade him not to constrict you for his breakfast.

Without going into a botanical description, I will say that the rubber tree grows to a height of 50 or 60 feet, throwing out huge branches at a great height. It grows in groups, and the Indians are very smart in finding them. When found, the process of tapping is easily enough got through with. The straight, columnar trunks are covered with creepers, and these must be cut away. This entails contact with wasps, scorpions, ants and other such pleasant trifles. Having disposed of these, the Indian climbs the tree by means of looped ropes and, getting as high as they can, begin to tap. They do this by cutting incisions round the trunk of the tree, which terminate in V-shaped cuts that lead downward by vertical incisions to other horizontal cuttings, until the tree is ribbed down its entire length, the incisions being about 20 or 30 inches apart. From these wounds the white gum exudes and flows down the vertical channels until it reaches the ground, where a hollow has been scooped in the ground to receive it.

The water from the milk rapidly evaporates, and then a decoction made on the spot from vines is added and the stuff coagulates into the crude rubber of commerce. And so the process goes on, from tree to tree, and group to group of trees, as long as the provisions last. The rubber is baled up and collected at the camp, whence it is portaged by Indians to the river and towed by canoes to the settlement. Such at least was my method of doing it, but naturally the conditions vary in different countries.

The great point, however, is this: Whatever the process followed, it is in the end so wasteful that already the time is within sight when the natural resources of the tropical forests will be exhausetd. The demand for rubber is so great, and moreover is increasing so very rapidly, that in view of this threatened exhaustion of the source of supply, many governments are taking steps to encourage the cultivation of the rubber plant, particularly the Castillia elastica, as a regular industry. The government of Nicaragua, for instance, pays a bounty on each tree cultivated, and here in Jamaica the government has established an experimental plantation that is doing well. But those who know anything about the splendid results obtained by the few long-headed people who have established experimental plantations in Mexico and Central America, simply smile at the governments for interfering. For no other tropical industry offers greater inducements for investment to men of moderate capital who can afford to wait eight years for big returns.

For political and social reasons that are too obvious to be dwelt on here Jamaica offers far greater encouragement to the American who is seeking an outlet for his personal energy and surplus capital than any Central American state, or possibly even Mexico. And there are many openings in agricultural industry that may be taken up most profitably now that railroads traverse the island and tap its resources. But it is doubtful if among all these industries any one offers a better opening than India rubber, albeit it is not now cultivated outside the government botanical station. I say this because the climatic and soil conditions are identical with those of Nicaragua, and I have now before me some of the results of an ex-

A DECIDED "DRAWBACK."

periment in rubber cultivation in the latter country.

Planted 15 feet apart, as they should be, an acre of ground will carry 193 rubber trees. The trees begin to yield merchantable gum in the eighth year, and it is estimated that they give one pound of rubber each crop or tapping for every year of their life. And the life of a rubber tree is practically of indefinite duration. However, the highest yield is probably 15 pounds, whilst an eight-year tree will probably not give above six or eight. The yield may be said to be governed by seasons and culture. At any rate, in the Nicaragua experiment I have in mind, the cost of planting out and maintenance of the acre during eight years amounted to $36, whilst the cost of tapping the 196 trees when ripe was $15. They yielded 9,601 pounds of rubber, which fetched 56 cents in the New York market, the lot bringing $537. Of course, freight must be deducted, but after all possible allowances are made it will be seen that there is money, and good money, too, in the India rubber business.

Anyone coming to Jamaica would not, of course, get land at $1.20 per acre as in Nicaragua, nor would he receive the five cents premium per tree that the republic pays. But on the other hand, whilst he can get good land at reasonable rates and on easy terms, the government is prepared to extend special facilities to bona fide settlers that more than counterbalance Nicaragua's attractions, without mentioning the absolute security and the social advantages that Jamaica has to offer to settlers from the United States. And over and above all this, the botanical station affords all necessary information and practical assistance to agriculturists. In other words, the resources of the government are open to settlers "without money and without price."

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Chinese cheap labor may yet ruin New Zealand. In Otago, where there are a good many Scotchmen, a contract for road mending was awarded to the lowest bid, which was signed "MacPherson." When the bidder appeared to sign the contract he was yellow and had a pigtail. "Put," said the official who met him, "your name cannot be MacPherson." "All lightee," answered the Chinaman, "nobody catchee contlact in Otago unless he named Mac," and the contract was signed.

The Moth and the Candle.

She—Yes, they are engaged. I know she refused him twice, but the third time he proposed to her she accepted him.

Her Husband—Serves him right.—Harlem Life.

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VERNON, N. J.

Improvement Contemplated—New Telephone Line—Contracting for Milk—A Successful Sociable—A New School Teacher—A Democratic Victory.

Correspondent Argus and Mercury.

—Mrs. Harry White, of Deckertown, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Wood, in this place.

—We are informed that F. H. Campbell will erect an addition of twenty feet to his store in this place.

—Quite a number of our people will attend the ball to be given by V. A. Wilder's Camp, S. of V., in Randall's hall, Warwick, the evening of St. Patrick's Day.

—A telephone line has been stretched from Conkling & Strong's store in Warwick to the store in this place at present occupied by W. S. Board & Co., but to be managed by Chas. Mott after April 1 for Conkling & Strong.

—We are told that Wm. Van Etten will assist Chas. Mott as clerk in the store in this place.

—Carpenter Ralph Osborne is at present engaged in repairing the barn on the farm to be occupied by N. D. House.

—Mr. Hawkins, of Brooklyn, one of the proprietors of the creamery in this place, was in town Wednesday making arrangements with our farmers for their milk for the ensuing year.

—Sixteen dollars and fifty cents was netted at the sociable held at N. D. House's, week ago last Saturday evening. It will be used to help pay the salary of Rev. Mr. Frazer.

—Miss Sadie Burrows has taken charge of the school at Cherry Ridge to fill the unexpired term of Miss Hattie Baldwin, who resigned a short time ago.

—The election held in this place, Tuesday of last week, was a walkover for the Democrats. Last fall the entire Republican ticket was elected, while at Tuesday's election the Democratic ticket, except collector and poundkeeper, was elected by substantial majorities.

EDENVILLE.

A Surprise Party—Dislocated His Shoulder—Personal and Other News Notes.

Correspondence Argus and Mercury.

—Miss Lillie Pellew, of Warwick, was in town last week visiting her sister.

—Miss Gertrude Houston is on the sick list.

—J. A. Green, of Middletown, was in town two days last week looking after his property.

—Joseph Slaughter's children have been sick with heavy colds.

—Mrs. J. H. Knapp, of Newton, N. J., stopped over Sunday with her parents.

—Nick Valinoto, our hotel proprietor, was given a surprise, Wednesday night, when a large number of his friends took possession for the evening. The principal amusement was dancing. A fine supper was served about midnight, and the party came to a close about 4 o'clock in the morning.

—Little Bernard Mullen had the misfortune to dislocate his shoulder while playing at school, Monday morning.

GREENVILLE.

Numerous Items of Purely Personal Interest.

Correspondence Argus and Mercury.

—Wm. Cole, of Deckertown, visited relatives and friends in this place, last week.

—Charles Malloy returned from a business trip to Newburgh, last Saturday night.

—Mrs. Oscar Ferguson spent a few days, last week, with her sister, Mrs. Sam Potter, at Quarryville.

—Peter L. Shaneberg has so far recovered from his attack of rheumatism as to be able to be out again.

—D. C. Hallock, Jr., started, Monday morning, on a business trip to Paterson and expects to be gone several days.

ROCKVILLE.

Correspondence of Argus and Mercury.

—A dime sociable will be held at the residence of David M. Clark, Friday evening, March 19th, for the benefit of the Rockville Chapel at Breezy Point. An entertainment will be given, followed by refreshments. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend.

Doctors Prescribe It.

"Jersey City, N. J., March 2.—My physician recommended Allen's Foot Ease, the powder for aching, sweating feet, corns and bunions. I shake it into my shoes, and am delighted with it. D. D. Clark." At all druggists and shoe stores, 25 cents. Sample free. Address Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y.

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A COUNTRY OF SURPRISES.

Strange Industrial Rivals in South Africa.

While there is little doubt that with proper development of its agricultural and pastoral resources South Africa could be made self-supporting, the successful development of these industries depends, nevertheless, upon the creation of local markets through the stimulus given by mining operations.

Whatever may contribute to the extension of the commerce and trade of South Africa, the immediate future of the country is dependent primarily upon the development of its mineral resources. Probably no other event has so impressed this fact upon the minds of the people of the country at large as the dire straits to which they have been reduced by the rinderpest epidemic.

Indeed, upon two previous memorable occasions South Africa has been saved from industrial disaster by the stimulus given to trade through the development of the diamond industry in one instance and the development of the gold industry in the other. The Deus ex machina to again save the country will be the expansion of the mineral industry.

With the exception of mining of gold, diamonds and coal, there have been no considerable exploitations of its mineral resources. Coal, fortunately, exists in many parts of the country, and it has been estimated that the known coal fields represent an area of 56,000 square miles, which is equal in extent to the state of Iowa. There exist in some parts of the country large deposits of iron contiguous to the coal-fields, but as yet the economic conditions have not favored the development of that industry. Lead, silver, cinnabar, tin and other metals are also found in many parts of the country, but have not been remuneratively worked. Among the mining countries of South Africa the Transvaal is facile princeps, and is in all probability destined to maintain its paramount position; though, as is well known, South Africa is "a country of surprises," and it is possible, of course, though not probable, that within its great extent other equally important districts may be discovered.—North American Review.

A Smart Lawyer.

Many lawyers nowadays utterly disregard honor and honesty in the means by which they elicit evidence or invalidate the testimony of those opposed to them, in illustration of which we need only adduce the following specimen of cross-questioning:

Lawyer—Mr. Jenkins, will you have the goodness to answer me, directly and categorically, a few plain questions?

Witness—Certainly, sir.

"Well, Mr. Jenkins, is there a female living with you who is known in the neighborhood as Mrs. Jenkins?"

"There is."

"Is she under your protection?"

"Yes."

"Do you support her?"

"I do."

"Have you ever been married to her?"

"I have not." (Here several jurors scowled gloomily at Mr. Jenkins.)

"That is all, Mr. Jenkins."

Opposing Counsel—Stop a moment, Mr. Jenkins. Is the female in question your mother?

"She is."—Boston Post

A Difficult Task.

Some of the police captains are brave men. I asked one of the bravest what was the hardest job he ever had, to which he replied:

"Stopping a prize-fight."

Thinking to hear an account of riotous proceedings, I asked for the details.

"Oh, there ain't any," he said. "There warn't nothing disturbing about it. The trouble was with meself. I wanted to see the finish."—N. Y. Press.

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KISSAMO IN RUINS.

Insurgents Continue the Bombardment of the Fort Guarding the Village.

Canea, March 16.—The village of Kissamo, to the westward of this city, is now in ruins from the bombardment of the insurgents and the fires which followed the bombardment. The fort guarding the village is, however, intact, the insurgents not yet having succeeded in reducing it, though they have been firing upon it for nearly four days. Unless something is done, and that speedily, by the powers, the prospect is that the island will be devastated. It is reported here that it is the intention of the Christians to exterminate the Moslems throughout the island. The Moslems, in a spirit of revenge, are more actively than ever engaged in looting the houses of Christians under the eyes of the foreign sailors and marines.

Silver Dollars and Fractional Coin.

Washington, March 16.—The issue of standard silver dollars from the mints and treasury offices for the week ended March 13 was $595,200, and for the corresponding period last year was $412,596. The shipment of fractional silver coin from March 1 to 13 aggregated $324,770.

Secretary Roosevelt Resigns.

London, March 16.—J. R. Roosevelt, first secretary of the United States embassy here, has tendered his resignation on the ground of ill health.

Mrs. McKinley To Receive.

Washington, March 16.—Mrs. McKinley will receive the ladies of the diplomatic circle Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

TO LAUNDER LACE CURTAINS.

They May Be Done at Home with But Little Trouble.

Lace curtains, if sent to the laundry often, cost more to do up than they are worth. This would apply, of course, to the commoner weaves of lace curtainings. They can be carefully washed and dried at home, and come from the washing looking fresh and pretty as ever. If one has not a curtain stretcher, sheets pinned to a carpet, and lace curtains stretched upon the sheets, the points all picked out into shape and pinned down, will dry them in nice shape. Before hanging again, if dampened slightly on the wrong side, by passing a wet cloth over them, a small place at a time, and ironing dry, they will be found improved in appearance. It removes the coarse-thread appearance given them in the drying process. Lace pillow-shams treated in the same manner do several years' service and look well. Lace shams should have back of them well stiffened and laundered widths of muslin, or a background of colored silesia or cambric to harmonize with coloring of the room used in.

Curtains may be freshened for a season or two without washing. Let them be first well shaken out of doors, after which they are carefully gone over with a clean, soft clothes brush. Taken then upon the ironing board, they should be sponged over with warm water, in which a small amount of starch is dissolved, and at once ironed with not too hot an iron. Only a space of the curtain corresponding with width of ironing board should be sponged and ironed at a time. When finished, the curtain, if folded down the center as when new, and pressed, will be found to have every appearance of being new. Curtains grow limp from hanging, and damp weather takes, a little at a time, the starch from them, and with the accumulation of dust they grow dingy. But unless very dirty, indeed, they may be refreshened for two or more seasons after this method of cleaning.—Washington Home Magazine.

Woman Elected Tax Collector.

Worcester, Mass., March 16.—In Holden town meeting yesterday Mary E. Hubbard was elected tax collector.

NEW YORK MARKETS.

Wheat—Market quiet, prices steady. May, 80⅛c.; July, 77¾c.; Sept., 75½c.

Corn—Market dull; prices steady. May 29¾c.; July, 30½c.

Oats—Spot trade quiet; prices firm. May, 22c.

Pork—Market firm and unchanged. Extra prime, nominal, short clear, $8.75@10.25, mess, $8.50@8.75; family, $9.00@10.00.

Lard—Market quiet; moderate trade. Prime, western, $4.47½.

Eggs—Spot easy; liberal receipts. State and Pennsylvania, fresh, 11¼c.; ice house (case), $1.75@2.50; western, fresh, 10¼c., limed, 6¼@7c.; southern, 10@10½c.

Butter—Fancy firm; fair demand. Creamery, western extras, 19c.; state and Pennsylvania, extras, 16@18c., creamery, western seconds, 14c.; state dairy, half-firkin tubs, fresh factory, 16c.; state dairy, half-firkin tubs, fall made, extras, 10@11½c., western, imitation creamery, seconds to firsts, 13@15c., western factory, firsts to extras, 10@12c.

Cheese—Market quiet; fair demand. Cream, large size, fall made, colored, 12¼c.; large, common to choice, part skims, 7@10c.

Potatoes—Easy; moderate demand. Long Island, in bulk, per barrel, $1.25@$1.37; New Jersey, round, choice, per barrel, 90c.@$1.12. Sweet potatoes, 75c.@$1.50.

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OFFICIAL CITY PAPER.

WEATHER INDICATIONS.

BY UNITED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 16.—Fair to-night; increasing cloudiness and threatening weather Wednesday; warmer Wednesday; easterly winds.

THE TEMPERATURE.

The following was the registry of the thermometer at Pronk's drug store, to-day: 7 a. m., 23°; 12 m., 32°; 3 p. m., 34°.

TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 1897.

The Platt machine slipped a cog, yesterday, and the Metropolitan police bill, the Raines law amendments, the anti-trust bills, the Greater New York charter and the Governor's forestry scheme bill, all of which it was agreed at the Sunday conference should be put through the legislature at once, were not introduced last night. Just what the trouble is is not known but for almost the first time in its history the machine is deadlocked and apparently afraid or unable to carry out a programme on which it had agreed.

The Albany *Press-Knickerbocker* is publishing facts and figures which seem to show reckless extravagance, if not something worse, on the part of the Superintendent of Public Buildings. and it demands a searching investigation. Its demands will not be heeded. The Superintendent is a Republican and Republican legislatures never investigate Republican officials. Besides, the Superintendent provides places for the needy dependents of legislators and too many of the State's lawmakers are under obligations to him to make them anxious to inquire into his methods.

The jury in the Sheldon case at Auburn was out eighty-six hours before it found the prisoner guilty of the murder of his wife. Several times the jurors asked to be discharged, declaring that they could not agree, but the Judge sent them back and it is evident that some of them sacrificed their conscientious convictions and perhaps a human life in order to escape from irksome confinement. A verdict rendered under such circumstances has no moral force and it would be strange indeed if the judges of the appellate courts before whom the case will be taken are not influenced in their decision of the case by the circumstances under which the verdict was rendered.

The Dingley tariff bill introduced in the House of Representatives, yesterday, though its declared purpose is to yield revenue and afford protection, is in reality nothing but a protective measure. It is every whit as objectionable as the McKinley bill, for its free list is shorter, and while generally restoring McKinley duties it has in some cases advanced them. It grants protection to industries which have shown that they can more than successfully compete with foreign rivals, and has plainly been fashioned in the interest of manufacturers. Many of the duties are prohibitory and, instead of increasing the revenues, it is predicted by intelligent and well informed publicists that its effect will be the same as was that of the McKinley tariff, to so reduce imports that the government's customs collections will be very materially diminished

Tariff revision on the lines of the Dingley bill will not and cannot restore prosperity to this country. Factories and workshops are idle and trade languishes because the people are poor. Prices of agricultural products have fallen so low that the farmers,—the bone and sinew of the nation have no money with which to buy more than the veriest necessaries of existence Too poor to buy at present prices how can they be expected to buy at higher prices" And what will it profit a manufacturer to be protected if he has no market for his wares"

The bill is the work of demagogues. A sop is thrown the farmers in the shape of higher duties on agricultural products though the makers of the bill well knew that no matter how high such duties may be they have no more effect on the prices of farm products than they have on the movements of the moons of Jupiter. It will not take the farmers and the wage earners of the country long to learn that the new tariff by causing a great advance in prices has increased the cost of living. It will mean less cheer and comfort, more self-denial, a harder struggle with poverty in many homes. And when the people see that the revenues of the government are not correspondingly increased they will realize that they are being taxed for the benefit of a favored few The proposed Dingley bill is class legislation in its most odious form and its enactment will be fuel to the flame of discontent that burned so fiercely during the last campaign.

THE WORM TURNED.

Judge—"I think I have seen you before."

Prisoner—"I have had that honor, your Honor; I shaved your Honor last week."

Judge—"Twenty years"—*Idle Boy.*

LATEST BY TELEGRAPH

TO-MORROW'S GREAT FIGHT.

Both Men Confident of Winning—Muldoon's Enthusiastic Praise of Fitzsimmons.

BY UNITED PRESS.

CARSON CITY, March 16.—Corbett and Fitzsimmon have ceased training and calmly await the result of the battle which will begin shortly after ten to-morrow morning. Both are in the very best condition.

Corbett's friends declare he a is perfect wonder of speed and that his marvelous hitting power has developed beyond their expectations while his staying powers are of the very highest order.

Fitzsimmons is something of a puzzle to a great many who do not understand his ideas in knocking off hard work earlier than his opponent. The general opinion is that Fitzsimmons is a fit on the light side and willing to put on weight. He and his associates are confident of winning.

Conservatively estimated the crowd of visitors will be between 4,500 and 5,500.

Muldoon, who visited Fitzsimmons at his training quarters yesterday, says: "I am inclined to believe he has been training so long that he requires exercise to stimulate him to look what he really is, the most marvelous piece of physical development I ever saw in action. His bag punching was more vigorous, harder, more effective, and included more difficult tricks than Corbett's performance. It was easy to see his most powerful plays are his short arm hold, upper cuts, jolts and pushes. While his movements have not the same grace and precision as Corbett's, they seem to possess more viciousness and appear to be fully as quick both as to foot work and hand work."

THE ANTI-TRUST BILLS.

Completed by the Governor's Legal Advisor—Scope and Purpose of the Measures.

ALBANY, March 16.—The Governor's legal advisor, C. Z. Lincoln, has completed the preparation of two anti-trust bills intended to carry out the recommendations of the Lexow Trust Investigating Committee.

The first aims at preventing combinations for monopoly, unlawful restraint of trade or prevention of competition in the necessaries of life.

The second also is an act to prevent monopolies in articles or commodities of common use and to prohibit restraint of trade and commerse, providing penalties for violations of its provisions and a method of procedure to enable the Attorney General to secure testimony in relation thereto.

Such monopolies are declared against public policy and illegal and void and fines or imprisonment for violation of these laws are provided.

TWO AMBASSADORS NAMED.

John Hay to Go to England and Horace Porter to France.

BY UNITED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—The President sent to the Senate, to-day, the following nominations: Ambassadors extraordinary and plenipotentiary of United States, John Hay, of the District of Columbia, to Great Britain; Horace Porter, of New York, to France; Secretary of Embassy to Great Britain, Henry White, of Rhode Island.

THE ORANGE COUNTY ROAD ACT

BY UNITED PRESS

ALBANY, March 16.—Mr. Bedell's bill authorizing the authorities of Orange county to provide a system of county roads at the expense of the county passed the Assembly, to-day.

THE BLOCKADE OF CRETE BEGUN

BY UNITED PRESS.

VIENNA, March 16.—The blockade of the ports of Crete by the warships of powers began to-day.

In Honor of St. Patrick.

An entertainment in honor of St Patrick, will be given at the rooms of St. Joseph's T. C. B. U., this evening, by members of the society. An interesting programme has been arranged

AN ACTIVE OLD MAN.

The Dublin correspondent of *The Lancet*, writes that at an athletic contest held recently at Freemont, County Cork, a man named James Loder, aged eighty-two years, covered thirty-three feet in three standing jumps. Several young men failed to come within three feet of this distance. Old Loder weighs only one hundred and twelve pounds, and is remarkably vigorous It is asserted his father lived to the age of one hundred and ten years.

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Hood's Pills cure nausea, indigestion,

TO FIGHT FOR A GIRL'S HAND.

Unable to Choose Between Two Lovers She Leaves Them to Decide Which One Shall Have Her.

Two young men, a Middletowner and a resident of Bloomingburgh, have for some time past been paying attentions to a young lady in a neighboring village. She likes both young men so well that she cannot decide between them and on a recent evening when both happened to call, told them frankly that it was very nice indeed to have two bows to her string, but that it was time to come down to business, and gave them until March 25th to determine in some way satisfactory to themselves which one should thereafter be her "steady company."

Neither young man being willing to give up the girl, they decided to settle the matter with fists according to the Marquis of Queensberry rules.

A friend of the ARGUS has been invited to witness the mill and see fair play for the Middletowner and has promised to tell us all about it.

THE ARMOUR REFRIGERATOR.

Nearly Completed and to Be Opened for Business Monday.

The Armour Packing Company has about completed its building on Union street and will open for business on Monday. An elevated track will carry meat from the cars to the house over Union street.

The building is complete in all its details and is a model of neatness and convenience.

Sinsabaugh & Co. furnished the mill work for the interior, Crane & Swayze the lumber and R. O. Lewis did the mason work.

Horticultural Society's Executive Committee.

At the meeting of the Hudson Valley Horticultural Society in Poughkeepsie, Friday, the following from Orange county were appointed members of the Executive Committee: W. D. Barns, Middlehope; Charles W. Clark, Guymard; C. S. Moffat, Washingtonville. Mr. Barns was also placed on the Fruit Plant Disease Committee.

Claims That the Check Was Not Presented.

Alex Rosenberg, of Poughkeepsie, who was arrested in that city, charged with giving a worthless check to Mrs. Coleman, of the Columbus Hotel, this city, has been discharged. He claims that the check was good and that it was never presented at the bank.

Much Pleased With the Hogan Boiler.

Chief Engineer Ball, of the Revenue Marine Service, is visiting at the residence of Mrs. Shaw, on Broad street. He is interested in steam boilers and having heard of the Hogan boilers visited the factory, to-day. He expressed himself as much pleased with the work.

Lecture on Dutch Art.

The last lecture in the literary clubs' regular course will be given at the State Hospital amusement hall, this evening, by A. T. Van Laer, subject: "Dutch Art." A special car will leave Franklin Square at 7:30.

$100 Reward, $100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers, that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

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KID GLOVES!

Our Spring Import Order of This Celebrated Glove is Now on Sale!

in all the desirable shades and stitchings.

Wear warranted. Price is $1.25. If you want the best $1 Glove, try the "Lorient."

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SPECIAL PRICES

1 case White Counterpanes 69 cents, worth $1.

1 case fine Apron Ginghams 5 cents.

1 case Boys' Bicycle Hose 2 pairs for 25 cents.

1 case Ladies' Fast Black "Esty" Hose 2 pairs for 25 cts.

1 bale fine Unbleached Muslin 5 cents per yard.

1 case 40 inch India Linen, 2 to 6 yards long, 12½c., value 20 cents per yard.

Come and see.

H. E. CHURCHILL & CO.,

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Rent or Exchange.

The very desirable country residence of Mr. F. R Bonnell, popularly known as the Startup place; finely located in an excellent neighborhood, 2 miles from city, on North Plank Road. Large fine house of thirteen rooms, barns, carriage house, etc, and twenty acres of choice land.

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All new goods at low prices.

Misses' School Shoes, sizes 11 to 2, 75c a pair.

Men's Honesdale Grain Tap Sole Shoes, warranted solid, $1.50 a pair.

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this afternoon and evening, and will be ready for business at our new store,

No. 40 North Street, To-Morrow Morning.

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SPOONER & AYRES' OLD STAND

DRESS GOODS!

They are Here. All the Latest and Newest Weaves and Colorings in Spring Suitings!

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These are shown in some particularly beautiful shadings and combinations of colorings.

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Spring sale of Pocketbooks. Nowhere else in town so many nor so cheap.

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Hanford & Horton,

No. 6 North St., Middletown.

A WORD ABOUT CUSTOM MADE CLOTHING.

Our spring line of Woolens are in and we have the latest patterns and colors.

We are fully prepared to make those Spring Clothes you must have.

Of course Easter is late this year, and if you don't want to bloom until that day, you do not need them right away.

But "there is no time like the present," and about Easter time we will be very much rushed.

There is also some advantage in having the first selection.

"A word to the wise is sufficient."

Remember we make Suits from $16 up and Trousers from $4 up.

GEO. W. YOUNG.

PIPES, PIPES, PIPES.

I will offer this week, at my store, pipes at a great reduction. Now is the time to buy. Don't fail to come in and examine my stock, as I have the largest assortment to select from in the city.

Electric Cigar Store, No. 12 North street, Middletown.

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LET US TALK!

Spring Clothing together. You will soon need a Spring Overcoat or Suit, and we have the line. You can easily notice the superiority of our clothing from other dealers. The style, fit and trimmings are not the trashy kind of which the country is full.

$5 Buys a Good Suit.

We are showing a line of new Spring Suits at $5 for men, which will surprise you. The style and make is equal to the best. All French faced, Boston shoulders, strictly all wool, only $5.

ANOTHER LEADER!

The nobby Covert Cloth Spring Box Overcoat, strictly all wool, several shades, only $7.40; is equal to the usual $10 overcoat.

Men's Suits from $2 50 up.
Men's Spring Overcoats $4 up.

Morris B. Wolf.

10 North Street.

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THE COPARTNERSHIP

Heretofore existing between C. E. Crawford, E. D. B. France, Chas. H. Mapes and J. W. Crawford, under the firm name of the C. E. Crawford Furniture Co., has been dissolved by mutual consent. Mr. France, Mr. Mapes and Mr. J. W. Crawford retiring. Mr. C. E. Crawford will continue the business at the old stand where all bills of the old firm will be paid and all bills due them will be received. A prompt settlement is requested. Respectfully,

C. E. Crawford, E. D. B. France, Chas. H. Mapes, J. W. Crawford.

To the Public.

This is the beginning of my 25th year in the Furniture, Carpet and Crockery business in Middletown, and as I again take the personal supervision of this store, it is with the determination to continue it as the largest house furnishing establishment in Orange county, if price, quality, quantity and prompt attention will do it. Respectfully,

C. Emmet Crawford.

PURE FOOD TALKS.

Some States, by Pure Food Laws, wisely and effectually protect their citizens against Adulterations in Foods. New York State has no such laws and its people must trust their own or their dealers' intelligence and fairness.

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Bowker's Poultry Supplies

They are good.
They are pure.
They are cheap.

Bowker's "Animal Meal"

Grit,
Meat Scrap,
Bone Meal,
Ground Bone,
Ground Oyster Shells.

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FOR SALE.

The fine farm known as the Sinclair place near Bloomingburgh, in Orange county, on the Newburgh turnpike. The farm contains about 225 acres, 70 acres of which are planted with 11,000 peach trees just coming in full bearing, and nearly $2,000 netted from the crop last year. The farm is in good state of cultivation and will keep fifty cows. Good outbuildings and house contains thirteen rooms. A complete stock of farm implements in good condition will be sold with the farm. This farm has fine water, is well situated, fine view on the Shawangunk Mountains and location an exceptionally healthy one. Will be sold at a bargain.

GARDNER & McWILLIAMS, NO. 25 NORTH ST

DAILY ARGUS.

TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 1897.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

—Special meeting of the McKinley League.
—Lamb 12½c a pound at Greening's.
—Spring dress goods at J. D. Horton's.
—New maple sugar at Bull & Youngblood's.
—$5 buys a good suit at Morris B. Wolf's.
—Munyon's Remedies for sale by druggists.
—Dr. Kennedy's remedies are for sale by all druggists.

LIVE LOCAL TOPICS.

—The O. and W. pay car arrived in town, to-day.

—"My Friend from India" at the Casino, Thursday evening.

—The Ferry & Napier hat factory, in Newburgh, expects another order for army hats.

—The Pennsylvania Coal Co. began running coal to its Newburgh dock, Monday.

—Don't forget the mending and darning sociable, at the First Presbyterian Church, to-night.

—Bull & Youngblood have received the first arrival of maple sugar. It came from Delaware county.

—Personal damage suits, in which $26,000 is claimed, are pending against the village of Walden.

—Mrs. Charles W. Rodgers found a watch on the street, last night. It was restored to its owner, this morning.

—The overall business is brisk in Newburgh. Sweet & Orr have 600 hands at work and the Cleveland shop is behind on orders.

—The Highland Mutual Insurance Co., recently organized in Newburgh, began business, Monday. W. Clement Scott will be its manager.

—Being well known in the city, the "My Friend from India" company will undoubtedly draw a crowded house, Thursday evening.

PERSONAL.

—The condition of Mrs. C. W. Hill remains about the same to-day as yesterday.

—Mrs. S. Albert Bull is visiting her brother and sisters in Brooklyn and Jersey City.

—I. F. Van Duzer lies in a very critical condition and no hopes of his recovery are entertained.

—Dr. I. C. Whitehead, of Newark, has succeeded Dr. Mortimer Shaw as lodge physician at Walden.

—Tickets to Dean Penny's lecture on St. Patrick at St. Joseph's Church, to-morrow evening, are only twenty-five cents.

—Mrs. Elizabeth Watts, who is ill with pneumonia, continues to hold her own against the disease, and seems to have passed the crisis.

—John W. Potter moved, yesterday, from 64 Linden avenue to 46 Watkins avenue, into his new house which he recently built for his own occupancy.

—W. W. Shaw, of near Phillipsburgh, who has been sick for several weeks with neuralgia and rheumatism, is so far recovered that he was able to come to this city, yesterday.

—Miss Lila A. Stewart, left town, last night, for Grand Rapids, Mich., where she has been engaged to conduct a kirmess for the St. Cecilia Society, the leading musical organization of the city.

—A. T. Van Laer, who lectures before the literary clubs at the State Hospital, to-night, lectured here last spring and gave excellent satisfaction, his lecture having been both interesting and instructive.

—John Reynolds, of No. 37 Monhagen avenue, who has been confined to his house since October last by grip and sciatic rheumatism, was able to be on the streets to-day for the first time since his sickness.

—Dr. T. L. Gillson and family have returned home after an absence of several weeks, during which he visited his former home at Franklin Furnace, N. J., and took a southern trip to Jacksonville, Fla. He also took a run up the river to Albany and Troy. The Doctor's many friends and patients will be glad to know that his health has been much benefitted by rest and change.

HYMENEAL.

Watts—Riffenbergh.

A quiet wedding took place, last night, at the home of J. Riffenbergh in Mount Hope, when their daughter, Edna, was married to Robert Watts, a tailor employed at the Hudson River State Hospital in Poughkeepsie, where the bride is also employed. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Thomas Fitzgerald. Only the immediate relatives were present.

"Detective" Elwell Now One of Parkhurst's "Angels."

The late lamented "dectective" Samuel Elwell figured in a case in New York, yesterday, in which a woman, who keeps a disorderly house charged a policeman with blackmail in attempting to extort money from her for protection. Elwell said he had been working on the case in the interests of the Parkhurst Society. If Elwell is a sample of the detectives employed by the Parkhurst crowd it is no wonder the society has fallen into disrepute.

Best of All

To cleanse the system in a gentle and truly beneficial manner, when the spring-time comes use the true and perfect remedy, Syrup of Figs. One bottle will answer for all the family and costs only 50 cents; the large size $1. Buy the genuine. Manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Company only, and for sale by all druggists.

DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve cures Piles, Scalds, Burns

OBITUARY.

Stephen Marsh.

Stephen Marsh, a lifelong resident of Huguenot, died at his home at that place, Saturday morning, of heart failure, aged seventy-four years. He was highly respected by all and will be greatly missed in the community in which he lived.

He is survived by four children: Peter, of Oxford, Conn.; Kate, of Otisville; Sadie, of Huguenot, and William, of Mount Hope.

Sumner F. Dudley.

Sumner F. Dudley, an assistant State Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. and a very successful worker in Junior Y. M. C. A. circles, died Sunday, at his home, in Orange N. J., aged forty-three years. He began his work with boys in Newburgh, and was the organizer of boys' camps which are a pleasant and useful feature of Y. M. C. A. life. The first camp was held at Orange Lake in 1885, and camps were held at Lake Wawayanda, near Warwick, for several years.

Henry Van Alst.

Henry Van Alst, a well known resident of this county, died at his home, at Montgomery, yesterday, of softening of the brain, from which he had suffered some time.

He is survived by his wife, who was a daughter of the late Daniel Bull, and two sons and three daughters, William, formerly of this city, now with Acker, Merrill & Condit, of New York; Daniel, at home; Mrs. Hannah Lodge, of Montgomery, and Misses Lena and Lizzie at home. Also by two sisters, Mrs. Carrie Jordan, of this city, and Mary, wife of A. T. Jordan, of Burr Oaks, Kan.

Mrs. Sarah S. Woodward.

Mrs. Sarah S. Woodward, widow of the late Charles S. Woodward, died yesterday morning, at her home in Mount Hope. She had been in poor health for some time but the end came very suddenly.

Mrs. Woodward was a daughter of the late Philip and Esther (Westfall) Swartwout. All her life after her marriage was spent in Mount Hope and she was always an influence for good in the community in which she lived.

The funeral will be held from her late residence at 2 o'clock, Thursday afternoon. Carriages will meet trains at Otisville.

Michael Tierney.

Michael Tierney, for many years a well known resident of this city and its immediate vicinity, died last evening, aged eighty-one years, at the home of his son, Christopher, in New York, with whom he had made his home for the past four months. Death was due to general debility resulting from old age.

During his long residence in this city Mr. Tierney won the good will of all with whom he came in contact by his kindly disposition and gentleness of manner, his generosity and willingness to help a fellow being in distress.

Mr. Tierney is survived by five sons,—Matthew, of this city; Christopher, at whose home he died in New York; John, who is a soldier in the regular army, and two others who reside in the far West.

The body will arrive in this city at 10:35 a. m., Thursday. The funeral will take place at St. Joseph's Church at 11 a. m. Interment in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

John R. Lorentz.

John R. Lorentz died at 9 o'clock this morning, of Bright's disease, aged thirty-one years and four months. He was the youngest of five children born to Agatha Wilteudorfer and Anton Lorentz, late Master of the Sword and Bayonet at the U. S. M. A., West Point.

He was born at West Point, Nov. 2d, 1865, received a common school education, and after the death of his father, in December, 1884, removed with the family to this city.

He was employed on the O. and W. R. R. as fireman and engineer. He was at the throttle of the engine of the ill fated freight train in the Mountaindale wreck in Nov. 1891, and was so severely injured then that he never fully recovered. He returned to work a few months after the accident and continued at work for eighteen months when he became so ill that he had to give up and was never able to resume his run.

During the four years of his very painful illness he bore himself with fortitude without a complaint or murmur. He was around in his usual health last Thursday. Friday he became weak and took to his bed after a sleepless night. He grew gradually worse and Saturday his mental powers began to fail him, and when Rev. Father McClancey was called, early on Sunday, lost consciousness.

He was a member of the Brotherhoods of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, who will have charge of the funeral.

He is survived by his mother and two sisters, Louisa G. and Sophia A., both of this city, and by two brothers, Edward A., the florist of this city, and Mitchell, of Victor, Col.

Real Estate Sales.

—The New York *Herald*, this morning, published under the head of Newport, the following: H. S. Spooner, of Middletown, N. Y., has sold his estate on Mann avenue to William A. Crosby.

For earache, put a couple of drops of drops of Thomas' Eclectric Oil on a bit of cotton and place it in the ear. The pain will stop in a few minutes. Simple enough, isn't it?

"I had a bad cold which developed into grip. Physicians gave me no relief, and I finally tried Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup. One bottle cured me completely. It is a wonderful medicine.—Jacob Hammies, Lyon Station, Pa

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The McKinley Leaguers Girding Themselves for Action.

After months of inaction Boss Dayton has decided that it is time to "get a hustle" on his McKinley League. A special meeting is called for to-morrow night and "business of importance" is announced.

The most important business that Boss Dayton has on hand is the bracing up of his flimsy chances for the post office and this may engage the league's attention.

Boss Dayton is not, however, the only Leaguer who wants a place. "There are others,"—a good many others, whose hands are out. Perhaps their claims may be considered.

No matter what the business is we are glad that Dayton and his League show signs of life. They may not accomplish much, but they add interest, variety and amusement to life. They are "more fun than a goat."

THE PRIZE FIGHT.

A Full and Complete Report Will Appear in To-morrow's Argus.

The Argus will receive, to-morrow, by the United Press, early and complete accounts of the great fight at Carson City, Nev. If, as is expected, the fight begins at 10 o'clock, dispatches will commence to arrive shortly after 1 o'clock, the difference in time between here and Carson being three hours. The news will be bulletined as soon as received, and the Argus will contain a detailed story of the fight.

Accident to the Straw Hat Works' Boiler.

The Union Hat Company (formerly the Middletown Straw Hat Works) was obliged to shut down, yesterday, owing to the caving in of the fire brick under the boiler. G. H. Hadden and a corps of masons are busy repairing the damage, and hope to have the work done in order to start up to-morrow.

Would Show No Mercy.

David Sparks, of Montgomery, whose name was forged to the note for $38 for which his nephew, Charles Sparks, was arrested in Walden last week, was applied to for clemency, but he refused. It is believed that many similar forged notes are distributed about the county which will aggregate many hundreds of dollars.

Good Prices for Building Lots in Port Jervis.

The Monticello Railroad Co. sold at auction, yesterday, ten lots on East Main street, Port Jervis, in the vicinity of its depot. The lots 50x100 feet in size, brought good prices, the first four sold bringing $810, $625, $500 and $485.

Turf and Horse Notes.

—J. & P. Cummings have sold their promising colt, Pete, to Dr. W. B. Robinson, of this city. Price private, but supposed to be a handsome sum. Pete was sired by Elberton, a son of Kentucky Prince. His dam was Lady C., by Gardner's Clay Hambletonian.

Important to Teachers.

Announcement is made that no seconds grade certificates will be issued to teachers during the next school year.—'97-'98. Teachers who desire second grande certificates must get them not later than June. This is the ruling of the State Superintendent.

A Novel Theory.

A prominent citizen of Norwich gravely declares it to be his belief that the vast amount of sickness now prevalent in Norwich is mainly due to the religious excitement growing out of the quarrel in the Baptist Church.

Newburgh's Police Report.

The Newburgh police made 523 arrests during the year ending March 1st. In 1895, 697 arrests were made and 991 in 1894. The number of lodgers were 1,900 last year, as against 1,606 in 1895 and 1,563 in 1894.

Attending Mrs. Mapes's Funeral.

A large number of friends from this city went to Howells Depot, to-day, to attend the funeral of Mrs. Albert S. Mapes, which was held at the Howells Congregational Church at 1 o'clock, this afternoon.

Entertained the Hospital Patients.

The Temple Quartette, which gave an entertainment at the Casino, last night, went to the State Hospital, this morning, and entertained the patients for an hour.

The Price of Milk Reduced.

At a meeting of the Consolidated Milk Exchange held in New York, yesterday, the price of milk was reduced from 2½ to 2¼ cents per quart.

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AT THE COUNTY SEAT.

INCIDENTS AND HAPPENINGS IN GOSHEN.

A Very Quiet Corporation Election—St. Patrick's Day Services—A Successful Entertainment—Board of Trustees—Missionary Society Meeting—To Lecture in Port Jervis.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

—Corporation election does not possess as much interest for the voter as it did a year ago to-day, when the election and St. Patrick's Day were celebrated conjointly and an independent citizens' ticket was in the field. The usual two propositions regarding taxation for street lighting purposes and police protection are being voted upon to-day.

—Services will be held in St. John's Church, to-morrow morning, commemorative of St. Patrick.

—The musical entertainment and supper by the members of the Junior Y. P. S. C. E., held last evening, at the Presbyterian chapel, was fairly well attended. A very "mysterious tea" was served by the young ladies and several vocal selections were acceptably rendered by the junior male double quartette.

—A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held, last night, and a number of bills were audited and the names of four persons elected to membership in Cataract E. and H. Co. were approved.

—The annual meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church will be held in the chapel on Wednesday afternoon, at 3 o'clock. A full attendance of members is desired.

—Rev. R. B. Clark will deliver his well known lecture, "Smiles vs. Guiles," before the Deerpark club, of Port Jervis, on the evening of Friday, April 2.

His Life Crushed Out by a Loaded Wagon.

Charles Gavitt, a young man employed as teamster at the Blue Mountain House, near Shohola, was almost instantly killed, Saturday, while trying to check a runaway team attached to a load of hay. He was thrown from the load and fell in front of the wheels which passed over his breast, crushing it. Gavitt was twenty-two years old and has a brother in Liberty.

Democratic Nominations in Port Jervis

The Democrats of Port Jervis, held a most harmonious convention, Saturday night, and nominated the following strong ticket:

President—John B. Carley.
Trustees—Samuel S. Van Etten, Lorenzo Wood, James Purtell, John Daley.
Police Justice—Joseph V. McCormick.
Treasurer—Lewis E. Goldsmith.

Concert at First Baptist Church.

Monday evening, March 29th, Fred A. Heath, a blind musician of Boston, will give a concert at the First Baptist Church for the benefit of the organ fund. Mrs. Milford Leslie Rice, of this city, will assist as reader. The Mehlin Grand piano will be used. All seats will be placed at the uniformly low price of twenty-five cents to insure a large audience.

Orange County Teachers' Institute.

Instead of holding separate institutes in each Commissioner's district, a single institute will be held for the whole of Orange county at the Academy building in Newburgh, April 26th to 30th. Profs. Stout and Schafer will be the conductors, assisted by Misses Brice and Eggleston.

A Suit Against the Village of Walden.

Anna Bennett, of Newburgh, is about to sue the village of Walden, to recover $1,000 damages for injuries alleged to have been sustained by falling on an icy sidewalk.

People buy Hood's Sarsaparilla year after year because it does them good. It will do you good to take it now.

The Whatsoever Circle

of the King's Daughters of the First Presbyterian Church will give a Mending and Darning Sociable in the lecture room of the church, March 16th. Two cents for a button, 3 cents for a glove finger, 4 cents for a small darn, 5 cents for a pair of mittens, 6 cents for a pair of socks, 7 cents for a pair of ladies' hose. No admission will be charged. 86d6t

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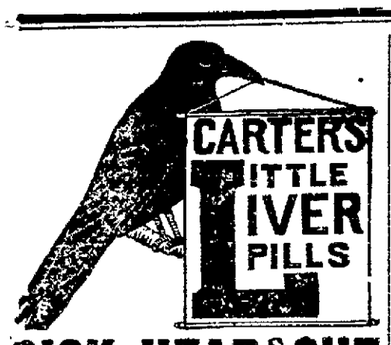

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DRAWING OF JURORS.

ORANGE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE.
GOSHEN, N. Y., March 8, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that a panel of Grand and Petit Jurors, to serve at a Trial Term of Supreme Court to be held in and for the county of Orange, at the Court House, in Newburgh, on the first Monday of April, 1897, will be drawn at this office, on Thursday, March 18, 1897, at 9 o'clock a. m.

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HILLS SHIFT IN THE NIGHT.

Sandy Death Traps of Kansas That Puzzle Scientists.

The broad expanse of level prairie which makes up the greater portion of central Kansas is broken in one place by a range of hills whose origin is a question that has puzzled scientists. The prairies are very easily explained. They are simply the bed of a former vast ocean. But here, in the middle of this vast ocean, is a miniature mountain chain, as distinct from the surrounding land as if it had dropped from the skies.

The hills stretch from near Lyons, Kan., to Hutchinson, a distance of about 95 miles. They form the arc of a circle and are on the average four miles in width. The curious feature of them is that they are made up wholly of sand, composed of fine, diamond-shaped particles, so light that they seek a new position at every breeze, and breezes in Kansas are too common to be noticeable.

These beds of sand are much given to shifting. A heavy wind will move whole acres of them. Hills 50 feet in height will be transferred little by little a distance of 100 yards, and a road between mounds will be found the next day entering the very bowels of a single hill. There is no limit to the curious tricks the eddying storms will play with the sand.

In many places, however, a long period of quiet weather has permitted a turf to form that can withstand the action of the elements. In these spots much fruit is raised, the best of which is a wild plum. But if one digs through this turf the sand is found beneath and extends downward to the old prairie level. At this point begin the soil, limestone strata and conglomerate, exactly the same as in all the rest of the region.

This fact proves that the hills were placed here after the surface formation had been completed, and further corroboration is found in the substance buried beneath the hills. Borings have uncovered great cottonwood trees, with the branches all intact, and bones of antelope and sandhill crane—two animals which still linger in this unfrequented region, though otherwise almost driven from the state. Even human bones have been dug up, the remains, probably, of early travelers. Under these conditions, especially if the storm is rotary like the famous tornado this region forms a natural deathtrap.

No satisfactory explanation of the hills has ever been advanced. Early and less well-informed investigators thought they might be the remnant of some heavenly body which by chance had encountered the earth after the surface formation was practically finished. Some even went so far as to declare them to be the remnant of the nucleus of a comet.—San Francisco Examiner.

WASHINGTON HOME SOLD.

Ancient Seat of English Ancestors of the First President.

A few days ago there was brought to the hammer in Durham county, England, a building of more than a little interest to Americans because of its associations. It is old Washington hall, an early home of ancestors of the first president of the United States. For generations the place was the seat of the Washington family and it is one of the few existing properties mentioned in the Domesday Book, but for all that the hall and the ground adjoining it brought in the market only $2,025. From a commercial point of view this is perhaps all that it is worth, for the building is fast falling to ruin, and of the property which once went with it only a small plot of ground is left, but the historical and sentimental interest which attaches to it gives it a value considerably above the price paid.

Washington hall dates from the early part of the seventeenth century and was built by William James, bishop of Durham. The structure is of stone, with mullioned windows and boldly-projecting porches. At one end there is a large outstanding chimney. But the connection of the Washington family with the manor goes far back of the date of the erection of the hall. In the first half of the twelfth century William de Hertburne held Washington, save the church and its lands, in exchange for Hertburne, near Stockton-Tees. Either this William de Hertburne or one of his immediate successors assumed the local name. William de Wessington is mentioned as a witness to charters of the bishop of Durham between 1260 and 1274. Washington Irving, when tracing the genealogy of the Washington family, proved clearly that George Washington was descended from these Washingtons, of Durham.

Toward the close of the fourteenth century the direct male line expired, the daughter of the last of the name marrying Sir William Tempest, of Stanley. The manor then passed successively into other families and was divided into several parts. From time to time portions of it were sold until there remained only the hall and grounds. The local authorities, desiring to make a new cemetery, purchased the property, and, having no use for the old mansion, decided to sell that with as much of the land as was not needed. The present owner is Mr. Joseph Dickinson, a Washington tradesman.—Chicago Tribune.

Great Engineering Feat.

The Great Eastern Railway company, which has been doing some great feats of late in replacing in a single night some of its bridges which span rivers, beat its own record one night recently, when, in spite of a severe snowstorm, the bridge over the River Lea to the south of Tottenham station, on the main line, was replaced by a new bridge, the old one being removed and the new one placed in situ in nine hours. The old bridge was moved and the new one put in its place by the same process and at the same time.—London Times.

—Don't build on the love that others have for you; the poorhouses are filled with people who have wealthy relatives.—Atchison Globe.

Women in the far East are educated to a life of pure sensuality. Wrong, of course, but the other extreme is nearly as bad. Continually hammering away on the idea that anything connected with the reproduction of the human species is of necessity bad and degrading has had, in civilized countries, the effect of keeping women in ignorance and of developing a false modesty that has been prolific of weakness and disease. Four out of every five women in America are not perfect women in the sense of being perfectly healthy. They are not perfectly equipped for the performance of the duties of wifehood and motherhood. Their training has made them feel that it is better to suffer in silence than to tell of their trouble and be cured.

The doctors are much to blame for this, because when treating the diseases peculiarly feminine they invariably insist on examination and local treatment. That these things are generally absolutely unnecessary has been proven by the wonderful success of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It is a positive specific for all forms of female weakness and disease. It purifies, strengthens and regulates the organs distinctively feminine, restoring them to a state of perfect health, and in so doing cures four-fifths of all the illness of women, for almost all womanly illnesses spring from this one cause.

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The *Union and Advertiser* of Rochester, N. Y., recently published the following interesting account of how William W. Adams, of 127 South avenue, that city, was saved from a painful operation by the use of Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy.

Mr. Adams said: "Three years ago I was taken with kidney disease very badly; at times I was completely prostrated; in fact, was so bad that the day was set for the doctors to perform an operation upon me. But I decided I would not submit. I had been put in hot water baths, and, in fact, nearly every means was tried to help me. Upon the day set for the operation I commenced the use of Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy, and from that moment began to gain, and it was not long before I was entirely cured and have had no return of the trouble since. My weight has increased and I never was so well as I am now. I have recommended

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to many people, for it saved my life."

In speaking to Mrs. Adams, she said:

"About a year ago I was in a very feeble state of health, being completely run down. I had doctored considerably, but without permanent relief. One day one of my neighbors advised me to take Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy, which I did. My trouble was dyspepsia, and for a long while I was unable to be about at all; but after taking a few doses I was completely cured, and now enjoy good health."

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SUPREME Court, Orange county—William H. Clark, as executor, etc., plaintiff, against James Bodine and others, defendants.

In pursuance of the judgment of foreclosure and sale, made and entered in the above entitled action, bearing date the 20th day of February, 1897, and entered in the Orange County Clerk's office on the 23d day of February, 1897, I, the undersigned, Referee in said judgment named, will sell at public auction, at the Holding House, a hotel situated on East Main street, in the city of Middletown, Orange county, New York, on the 19th day of March, 1897, at two o'clock in the afternoon of that day, the following described premises, that is to say.—All that tract or parcel of land, situate in the city of Middletown, county of Orange, and State of New York, and being the easterly one half of lot No. 57, as laid out and designated and described on a map of the lands of James B. Bell, made for him by W. W. Reeve, surveyor, and dated March 18th, 1868, and which lot, piece or parcel of land is bounded and described as follows:—Beginning at a point on the northwest side of Wickham avenue, in said city, thirty-two feet and nine inches on a course of south eighty degrees west from the southwesterly corner of Lot 56 on said map, and running thence along the northwest side of Wickham avenue, north eighty degrees east thirty-two feet and nine inches to the southwesterly corner of lot No. 56 on said map; thence along the westerly line of Lot. No. 56 in a straight line a distance of one hundred and twenty-six feet in a northerly direction to the northeasterly corner of said Lot No. 57 on said map, thence along the line of Lot No 55 on said map south forty six and one-half degrees west twenty-seven and one-half feet on a course of north forty-six and one-half degrees east from the northwesterly corner of said Lot 57 on said map, thence in a straight line along the westerly one-half of said Lot No. 57, a distance of about one hundred and eight feet to the northwest side of Wickham avenue aforesaid, and the place of beginning, containing more or less. Being a lot thirty-two feet and nine inches front on Wickham avenue; twenty seven feet six inches in the rear on line on Lot N. 55; one hundred and twenty-six feet deep on line of Lot No. 56 and about one hundred and eight feet deep on the line of the westerly one-half of Lot No. 57, together with all the right, title and interest of the party of the 2d part of, in and to the land lying in front of said lot to the center line of Wickham avenue aforesaid, subject to the easement of the same for public purposes.

Being the easterly one-half of the same premises sold and conveyed by Jacob Legg to Ella G. Brown by deed dated March 31st, 1888, and recorded in Orange County Records for Deeds April 2d, 1888, in Book No. 358, at Page 152.

Excepting and reserving a right of way for ingress and egress over and upon a strip of land three feet wide and one hundred and eight feet deep along the westerly side of aforesaid premises and to be used in common by the said grantee, her heirs and assigns and the owner of the westerly half of Lot No. 57, and the said first parties also convey to the said second party, her heirs and assigns, a right of way over three feet in width off the easterly side and along the easterly line of westerly half of said lot 57, to be used in common by the said party of the second part hereto, her heirs and assigns, and the owners and assigns of said westerly half of said lot 57.

Being the same premises conveyed or intended so to be in and by a certain deed dated Nov. 22d, 1888, executed by Charles H. Mapes to Maggie Newkirk, now Maggie Holly, duly recorded in Orange County Records, Book No. 362, at page 421, November 24th, 1888.

Dated February 23d, 1897.

WILLIAM B. ROYCE, Referee.
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Selma was then a town of 8,000 people, more than half of whom were negroes. In fact, the republicans, carpet-baggers and negroes controlled the municipal government. The town marshal was a negro, as were all the members of the police force. Not a month passed without some serious clash between the two races, the feeling continually becoming more intense. During these troubles Gen. Pettus acted the role of peacemaker.

During an altercation which grew out of these constant differences a young friend of the general's shot a negro, who died where he fell in the streets of Selma. In less than five minutes a mob of 500 negroes, breathing vengeance, mobilized to lynch the slayer. Excitement ran high. Feeling was at that pitch where the least overt act on the part of anyone would have precipitated a riot, bloody and disastrous. The slayer secreted himself in a saloon near the crowd. Gen. Pettus heard of his friend's danger and immediately went to him. Both got into a covered carriage in the rear of the saloon. The

SENATOR E. W. PETTUS.

noisy mob got wind of the movement and later attempted to intercept the carriage.

Bent on murder, the negroes swarmed about the hack, which was obliged to stop. Gen. Pettus realized the situation, stepped on the driver's seat, and, with a stern eloquence suitable to the occasion, appealed to the men to disperse and allow the law to deal with the case, and gave his pledge that he would see justice vindicated. He quelled the trouble by swaying the multitude. The hack was then allowed to proceed, bearing its occupants out of the town.

Gen. Pettus, true to his word, afterwards defended and acquitted his friend of the homicide.

On another occasion, at about the same time, Gen. Pettus was the central figure in a very serious race riot at Selma. A white man and negro became involved in a quarrel, and the latter was shot and killed in front of the markethouse. Before the whites could mobilize the blacks had seized the slayer and beaten him almost to death. They were then dragging his body through the streets. The mob was met by Gen. Pettus with other citizens and the body was recovered, but the man had expired. The ringleaders were immediately arrested and jailed, and were afterward tried, convicted and several sent to the penitentiary.

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Dated January 23d, 1897.

MARY A. BORLAND, Executrix.
6mSatJly24 JOHN H. BORLAND, Executor.

IN Pursuance of an order of the Surrogate of the County of Orange notice is hereby given according to law to all persons having claims against the estate of William H. Woodruff, late of the town of Crawford, in said county, deceased, that they are required to present the same, with the proper vouchers thereof, to the subscribers, the administratrix and administrator of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits of said deceased, at the residence of the administratrix, Antionette A. Woodruff, in the town of Crawford, aforesaid, their place of transacting business of said estate on or before the 15th day of June, 1897.

Dated December 16th, 1896.

ANTOINETTE A. WOODRUFF, administratrix, RICHARD A. WOODRUFF, administrator.
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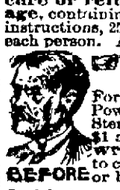

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26—James and Henry streets.
27—North and John streets, Erie crossing.
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29—W. Main street, corner Moohaupen avenue.
213—State Hospital Gate.
214—Prospect street and Highland avenue.
215—Rear of State Hospital.
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36—Canal street, condensery.
37—Mulberry and Fulton streets.
38—Fairview avenue and South street.
41—Fulton street and East avenue.
42—Academy avenue and Houston avenue.
45—East Main street and Railroad avenue.
46—East Main street, foot of Orchard street.
48—Academy avenue and Genung street.
47—Myrtle and Prospect avenue.
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STATIONS.	11 * Milk	1 On't Day Exp			7 Sull'n Co. Exp	5 * Chic'go Lmt	
N. Y. Leave	A M	P M			P M	P M	
Franklin St	3 25	7 40			3 00	4 15	
W. 42d St.,	3 35	7 55			3 15	4 30	
Weehawken	4 05	8 10			3 30	4 40	
Cornwall	5 10	9 45			5 00	6 01	
W Cornwall	5 22	9 57			5 08		
Orr's Mills	5 25	9 55			5 10		
Little Britain	5 40	10 05			5 25		
Burnside	5 56	10 16			5 34		
Campb'll H.	6 07	10 22			5 40	6 30	
Stony Ford	6 15	10 27			5 44		
M'town Main St.	7 38	10 43			5 58		
M'town ar	7 40	10 45			6 00	6 48	
M'town lv	8 15	11 05			6 10	6 56	
Winterton	9 10	11 09			6 25		
Bloom'g'bgh	9 21	11 15			6 30		
Wurtsboro	9 26	11 19			6 34		
Fummitsville	9 38	11 30			6 45		
Ellenville ar	10 05	11 50			7 05		
Fallsburgh	10 32	12 05			7 20		
Burleyville	10 53	12 12			7 27		
Liberty Falls	11 15	12 22			7 38		
Liberty	11 30	12 29			7 44	8 07	
Parksville	11 45	12 40			7 55		
Lv'gst'n M'r	12 00	12 53			8 05	8 30	
Rockland	12 15	1 08			8 20		13
Hancock Jct	1 20	2 05			9 27	9 19	A M
Walton	2 15	2 45			12 55	9 53	8 03
Sidny Cent'r		3 18			2 10		8 38
Sidney		3 40	4	11	3 10	10 35	9 02
N'rwich ar		4 33	A	M	5 30	12 18	9 57
N'rwich lv		4 38	7	30	P M	11 23	10 02
Oneid' Cast'l		6 06	9	10		n12 35	A M
Oneida ar		6 10	9	15		12 40	
Oneida lv		6 15					
Fulton		7 57				n2 00	
Oswego ar		8 20				2 30	
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SOUTH BOUND.

STATIONS.	6 * New Y'rk Exp	12 *	14 Delhi Ex	20 Local	2 Day Exp	
Oswego lv	12 25			P M	6 45	
Oneida ar					8 46	
Oneida lv	2 11			12 20	8 50	
Oneid' Cast'l			P	M 12 25	8 58	
Norwich ar	3 24		7	26 5 30	10 37	
Norwich lv	3 29		7	41 P M	10 42	
Sidney	4 20		8	45	11 40	
Sidny Cent'r			9	03	11 57	
Walton	5 05	12 15	9	38	n12 57	
Hancock Jct	5 38	1 30	10	8	1 29	
Rockland		2 38	6	09	2 10	
Lv'gst'n M'r	6 27	3 00	6	14	2 23	
Parksville		3 16	6	25	2 37	
Liberty	6 48	3 35	6	36	2 51	
Liberty Falls		3 41	6	41	n2 56	
Hurleyville		4 04	6	50	3 06	
Fallsburgh	n7 06	4 19	6	57	3 14	
Centreville		4 40	7	04	n3 20	
Mount'n D.		4 50	7	10	n3 25	
Summitville		5 15	7	26	3 45	
Wurtsboro		5 25	7	33	n3 52	
Bloom'g'bgh		5 32	7	38	3 57	
Winterton		5 40	7	43	n4 02	
M'town ar	8 00	6 05	8	05	4 20	
M'town lv	8 10	6 25	8	10	14 30	
M'town Main St.		6 27	8	12	4 32	
Stony Ford		7 02	8	23	14 46	
Campb'll H.		7 07	8	31	4 52	
Burnside		7 35	f	36	14 57	
Little Brit'n		7 50	8	45	15 08	
Orr's Mills		8 15	f	53	15 19	
W Cornwall		8 20	8	58	15 21	
Cornwall	8 52	8 30	9	07	5 53	
Weehawken	10 01	10 10	10	30	7 00	
New York						
W. 42d St., N. Y.	10 30	11 15	10	40	7 10	
Franklin St	ar 10 45	11 30	10	55	7 25	
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* Runs daily, all other trains daily except Sunday.

f Signifies that trains will stop on signal for passengers.

n Signifies that trains will stop for or to leave New York passengers only.

¶ Stop for meals.

Trains leave Hancock Junction 2 05 p. m., for Scranton, Carbondal and intermediate stations.

Trains leave Scranton 10 55 a. m., for Hancock Junction.

Trains leave Summitville for Ellenville 9 40 and 11 30, a. m., 3 50 and 6 45 p. m.

Trains leave Ellenville for Summitville 7 00, and 10 50 a. m., 3 10 and 5 0 p. m.

Trains leave Delhi for Walton 7 20 and 11 00 a. m., *4 0 p. m.

Trains leave Walton for Delhi 7 00 a. m., *2 45 and 5 50 p. m. Sunday only 9 15 a. m.

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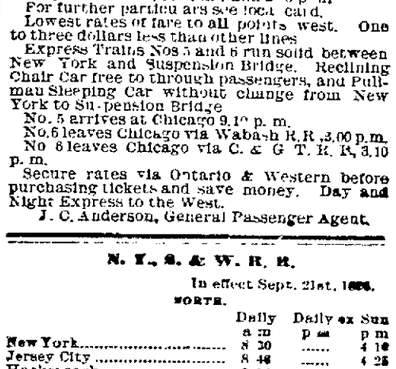
NORTH.

	Daily a m	Daily ex Sun p m	Sun p m
New York	8 30	.....	4 10
Jersey City	8 48	.....	4 28
Hackensack	9 14	.....	4 50
Paterson (Broadway)	9 26	.....	5 02
Paterson	9 29	.....	5 04
Two Bridges	10 55	3 00	6 32
Ogdensburg	11 07	3 16	6 42
Franklin	11 12	3 20	6 47
Hamburg	11 20	3 36	6 55
Deckertown	11 28	3 52	7 03
Quarryville	11 36	4 04	7 10
Unionville	11 44	4 15	7 18
Westtown	11 49	4 25	7 24
Johnson	11 55	4 28	7 29
Slate Hill	12 00	4 37	7 34
Middletown	12 12	5 10	7 45

SOUTH.

	Daily a m	Daily ex Sun a m	Daily p m
Middletown	6 30	7 19	4 45
Slate Hill	6 42	7 27	4 57
Johnson	6 48	7 35	5 03
Westtown	6 53	7 43	5 09
Unionville	6 59	7 55	5 16
Quarryville	7 06	8 07	5 25
Deckertown	7 14	8 30	5 33
Hamburg	7 22	8 46	5 42
Franklin Junction	7 27	8 53	
Franklin	7 29	8 56	5 49
Ogdensburg	7 34	9 06	5 54
Two Bridges	7 51	9 22	6 10
Paterson	8 03	.....	7 30
Paterson (Broadway)	9 05	10 38	7 33
Hackensack	9 16	10 47	7 48
Jersey City	9 38	11 12	8 13
New York	9 55	11 22	8 23

† Stop on signal.



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TIME TABLE ADOPTED NOV. 1, 1896.

Eastern Time.	12	26	10	16	28	38	6	30	2	8	22	14	606	18	620	17	625	25	29	7	1	9	11	21	601	27	617	15
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*Daily. ‡Sundays only. †Except Sunday. b. Stops for passengers to Binghamton and beyond.

Middletown & Crawford Branch—Leave Main St., Middletown, for Pine Bush at 11:40 a. m. daily, except Sun.; 6:55 p. m. daily; 11:10 Sunday only.

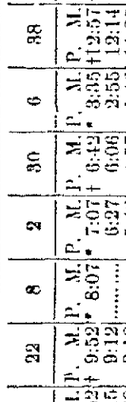
Montgomery Branch—Leave Goshen for Montgomery at 7:27 a. m., 11:20 a. m., 5:28 p. m. daily except Sunday, 10:52 a. m. Sunday only.

Pine Island Branch—Leave Goshen for Pine Island at 11:20 a. m., 6:45 p. m., daily except Sunday. Sunday only 10:52 a. m., 6:10 p. m.

Newburgh, via Turners—Leave Turners for Newburgh at 7:35 a. m., 10:53 a. m., daily, except Sunday; 9:09 p. m., daily; 10:30 a. m., Sunday only. Train 30 connects for Newburgh via Arden, instead of Turners.

Newburgh, via Greycourt—Leave Greycourt at 7:45 a. m., 11:10 a. m., 1:28 and 6:25 p. m. daily, except Sunday; 10:45 a. m. and 5:52 p. m., Sun. only.

Trains Nos. 6, 11, 15, 16, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30, 33 and Sunday Specials 601, 617, 625 stop at Main street, Middletown.



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Y. M. C. A. ENTERTAINMENT COURSE

Close of a Successful Season With a Concert by the Temple Quartette.

The Y. M. C. A. course of entertainments closed, last night, with a concert at the Casino by the Temple Quartette of Boston. The house was crowded and every one present was well repaid for attending.

The concert was not only the best of the series of entertainments given by the Y. M. C. A., which is saying a great deal, but it is the best Middletown has had during the winter.

The Y. M. C. A. has reason for gratification at the success of its course. It is true that it has cost the Association about $500, and its secretary much hard work, but there is the satisfaction of having pleased the people and established a reputation, which we are assured it will make it a point to retain another year. There is the additional satisfaction of a net profit for the season of about $150.

NEWBURGH'S FIREMEN'S TOURNAMENT.

A Big Demonstration Expected—Very Liberal Prizes to Be Offered.

The directors of the Newburgh Firemen's Association voted, last night, to offer $900 in prizes at the centennial of the organization of the Newburgh fire department and the convention of the Hudson River Firemen's Association in June. The prizes to be offered have not all been decided on, but among them will be $100 to the best drilled hose company, $50 to second and $25 to third; same prizes for hook and ladder companies; $75 for finest hose carriage and $25 to next; $25 to best appearing company and $25 to company with most uniformed men in line.

Twenty-three companies are considering invitations to attend and six companies have positively announced their intention to be present.

Funeral of Mrs. Thornton.

The funeral of Mrs. J. W. Thorton was held at her late home, No. 8 Eldred street, at 3 o'clock, this afternoon, Rev. F. A. Heath, officiating.

A quartette from the First Baptist church choir composed of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Clark, Mrs. Lewis E. Hedge and F. H. Hopkins sang "We shall sleep but not forever" and "Jesus only."

Among the floral offerings were a pillow from the family, a lyre from Ontario Hose Co., mound of lillies from three little cousins at Spring Glen.

The pall bearers were David Romer, William Carey, Geo. W. Lemon, David P. Brown.

The interment was in Hillside.

Removed to New York.

S. Burnett, of New Yock, proprietor of the shoe store in the Armstrong & Lyon block, was in town, yesterday, to settle up his affairs in this city and remove his stock to New York, where he has a store at 495 Eighth avenue. Mr. Burnett leaves town honorably and no bills will follow him. Joseph Topper, who has had charge of the store in this city, will continue in Mr. Burnett's employ in New York.

The 24th Base Ball Team.

The following team has been selected to play the Asylums, at the armory, Friday night: Gausman, c.; Shafer or French, p.; Wallace, 1b.; Gould, 2b.; Conkling, 3b.; Townsend, s. s.; Weugenroth, l. f.; Thompson, c. f.; Cumming, r. f.

Big Partition Sale.

The John Hilton estate consisting of about 100 dwellings and residences in Newburgh it is to be partitioned among the heirs. The sale will be the largest ever made in partition in Newburgh.

Painting the Main Street Depot.

The O. and W. Railway Co. is having its Main street depot repainted inside and out. It is an improvement that has long been needed.

To Be Married, To-morrow Night.

J. Thew Banker and Miss Phillips, a popular young lady of the North End, will be united in marriage, to-morrow night

Advertised Letter List.

List of letters remaining uncalled for at the Middletown postoffice for the week ending March 15th:

LADIES.

Evans, Mrs Mark	Stickney, Mrs Leander
Hark, Minnie	Specher, Miss Ingeie
Miller, Mrs B A	Tyler, Miss Pearl
Pine, Miss Eloy	Vanhouten, Miss Ella

GENTLEMEN.

Buttler, Joe	Meserole, W. H
Devlin, James	Misner, George
Densmore, L.	Terbush, Harrison
Johnston, Walter	Watermon, S. G
Kerr, E.	Winfield, James

(Late Co K, 124th Regt., N. Y. Vols.)

C. L. ELWOOD, Postmaster.

My Neighbor Told Me

about Hood's Sarsaparilla and advised me to try it. This is the kind of advertising which gives Hood's Sarsaparilla the largest sales in the world. Friend tells friend that Hood's Sarsaparilla cures, that it gives strength, health, vitality and vigor, and whole neighborhoods use it as a family medicine.

HOOD'S PILLS act easily and promptly on the liver and bowels. Cure sick headache.

Eighty Per Cent. Are Catarrh Subjects

Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder will cure the worst of them. It has been tested a thousand times and never disappoints. It is pleasant to apply, harmless and gives such quick relief. One short puff will clear a cold from the head and prevent the possibility of contracting this nasty disease which taints about eighty per cent. of the whole American people. Sold by James T. King and McMonagle & Rogers.

NEW EQUIPMENT FOR THE ERIE

Two Handsome New Passenger Coaches for Its Cleveland Trains.

Two of the new passenger coaches which the Erie is having built for three passenger trains to be run between New York and Cleveland, passed through this city, Sunday, attached to train 2. They were day coaches and were models of elegance and luxury. The first car was a combination and smoker. Instead of the regular car seats it was fitted out with willow chairs, tables, etc. The second car was similar to the day coach used on train 5 with the exception of the entrance. The ends of the cars are enclo ed and are arranged so that it is impossible for one to fall off as they have the covered platform, the same as is on the private cars of railroad superintendents. The trains when completed will present a fine appearance.

Republican Nominations in Port Jervis

Judge Fullerton, Wilton Bennet and Raymond W. Carr were red hot candidates for the Republican nomination for Police Justice of Port Jervis. Before the convention met Fullerton thought he was a sure winner, but when the convention met his delegates left him in the lurch and Carr was nominated by a vote of 22 to 14.

The other Republican candidates are:
President—George Schoonover.
Treasurer—Fred R. Salmon.
Trustees—W. B. Lent, Thomas Laidley, Floyd Goble, Henry Kirschner.

Epworth League Social.

The regular monthly social of the Epworth League will be held at St. Paul's Church, this evening. A pleasing entertainment will be given.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

JAS. P. TIGHE, Commission Broker, Stern Building, 16 North street, Middletown, N. Y. Stocks, Bonds, Grain and Provisions bought and sold for cash or carried on margin.

NEW YORK, March 16, '97.

	Yesterday Close	To-day Close
Sugar	115⅛	113¾
Tobacco	78½	78⅜
Chicago Gas	78⅛	78⅛
Nat. Lead	25½	25¼
General Electric	35	35⅞
U. S. L., pref	59½	59
Tenn. Coal and Iron	28⅜	28⅜
A. T. & S. F	12	11⅝
C. B. & Q	77½	77½
C. M. & St. P	78¼	78¼
R. I	68⅝	68⅝
D. L. & W	153¾	157
C. of N. J	94¼	94
Erie		
D. and H	109½	109⅞
O. & W	15	
Susquehanna & Western		
Susquehanna & West., pref	25¾	25⅝
P. & R	25⅛	25
N. W	109½	109¾
L. S		170
N. Y. C	99¼	99⅞
M. P	18¾	18¾
Texas		
C. P	7¼	7
W. Union	85	86⅛
L. & N	49⅝	49⅝
Manhattan	85⅛	86⅝
P. M	26¾	26¾
Wabash, pref	15¼	15
No. Pacific, pref	37¾	37⅝
W. L		
Southern R'y		
Southern, pref	28⅝	28⅝
May Wheat	74	73¾
May Corn	24⅝	24⅜
May Oats	17¼	16⅞
May Pork	$8 82	$8 92
May Lard	4 30	4 32

Now Is the Time

To purify your blood with Hood's Sarsaparilla. March, April, May, are the trying months of the year. At this season your blood is loaded with impurities which have accumulated during the winter, and these impurities must be immediately expelled. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the One True Blood Purifier. It is the medicine which has accomplished many thousands of remarkable cures of all blood diseases. It is what the millions take in the spring to build up health and ward off sickness.

MARRIED.

WATTS — RIFFENBERG — At the residence of the bride's parents, March 15th, '97, by Rev. T. Fitzgerald, Robert Watts, of Poughkeepsie, and Edna B. Riffenberg, of Mount Hope.

DIED.

LORENTZ — In this city, March 16th, '97, of Bright's disease, John R. Lorentz, aged thirty-one years.

Funeral at nine-thirty from the residence of his brother, No. 4 Spring street, Thursday, and at St. Joseph's Church at ten o'clock, with requiem high mass. Interment in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

TIERNEY—In New York city, March 15th, '97, Michael Tierney, formerly of this city, aged eighty one years.

The body will reach here at ten thirty-five, Thursday. Mass at St. Joseph's Church at eleven a. m. Interment in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

MOORE—In this city, March 14th, '97, Frances Montgomery Moore, in her eighty-third year.

Funeral services Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock, at the residence of D. D. Houston, 14 Wilburn street. Interment in family plot, Hillside Cemetery.

WOODWARD—In Mount Hope, March 15th, '97, Sarah S. Woodward, widow of the late Charles S. Woodward.

Funeral Thursday afternoon, March 18th, at two o'clock. Carriages will meet train at Otisville.

FRED O. ROCKAFELLOW, Undertaker, No. 99 North street. Lady assistant. Telephone No. 3. New York office, 154 East 23d street.

KNAPP & MERRITT, Undertakers and Embalmers, 42 West Main street corner James, Middletown, N. Y. 50 Great Jones St., New York city. Lady assistant. Telephone Call No. 10.

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AN AFFLICTED FAMILY.

Three Children Claimed by Death Within a Week.

Correspondence ARGUS and MERCURY.

Three children of Mr. and Mrs. Erastus Andrews, of the town of Montgomery, died of pneumonia within a period of one week,—Emma, aged three years; Carrie, aged nineteen years, and Sarah Palmer, a married daughter, twenty-six years. We understand that a son, Fred, twenty-one years old, is very low and his death is hourly expected.

Very exaggerated and sensational reports have been current, and have found their way into print, concerning the poverty and distress of the family. The facts are that all the children received medical attendance and those who died were given respetcable burials by an undertaker. They were buried not in an orchard, as has been stated, but in a plot on Mr. Andrews' farm, set apart by himself and wife as a family burying ground.

NEW HAMPTON.

Wedding Bells May Ring—Endeavorers' Entertainment—Personal Notes.

Correspondence ARGUS and MERCURY.

—Dame Rumor says wedding bells will soon ring for an enterprising young farmer in this vicinity and a Jersey City school ma'am.

—The Y. P. S. C. E. of Denton will give an entertainment in Pullis's Hall in this village, Friday evening of this week. It will consist of dialogues, tableaux, etc. Admission ten and twenty cents.

—R. V. Ryerson visited New York city, Sunday.

—Mrs. Isaac Rysdyck has been spending a few days in Middletown.

—Miss Bertha Mills, of Phillipsburgh, spent a few days last week with her uncle, R. E. Mills.

—Miss Louise Beck, of Jersey City, visited friends in this vicinity, last week.

—Robert Rodman has just peturned from a two weeks' visit at Milford, Pa.

WESTTOWN.

"An Evening in Dreamland" With Dr Gordon.

Correspondence ARGUS and MERCURY.

—Friday, March 19, the Rev. Dr. Gordon, of Middletown, will deliver the lecture in the Presbyterian Church of this place, which called out such favorable press notices when delivered in his own church. The subject, "An Evening in Dreamland," is one in which all are interested, and a most pleasant and profitable evening is anticipated. No charge will be made at the door and the voluntary contribution made after the lecture will be for the benefit of the Christian Endeavor Society. Music will add variety to the evening's exercises, which will begin at 8 o'clock.

RIDGEBURY.

A Dime Social—Personal Mention.

Correspondence ARGUS and MERCURY.

—A dime social under the auspices of the Epworth League will be held at the M. E. parsonage, Wednesday evening, March 17. Come and have a good time.

—Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Decker, of Bloomingburgh, visited friends in this village, during the past week.

—Mrs. H. C. Hall and daughter, Miss Jessie Hall, are visiting friends in this city.

HOOD'S PILLS cure Liver Ills, Biliousness, Indigestion, Headache. Easy to take, easy to operate. 25c.

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New Maple Sugar, first of the season; Maple Syrup, Deviled Crabs, Pate de Foie Gras Truffe, Seedless Oranges, Splendid Celery, Fresh Spinach, Oyster Plant, Extra No. 1 Mackerel, Fancy Print Butter, Choice Tub Butter.
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Bull & Youngblood,
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Best Lemons 12c a dozen.
Good Oranges 9c., 3 dozen for 25c.
Nice Cranberries 6c a quart.
Full line of Teas for 23, 29 and 50c
Fresh Roasted Coffee 16c.
Best Marucaibo 30c.
Best Java 35c
Canned Corn 6, 8 and 10c.
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Houses and Lots for sale.
Rooms to rent.
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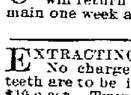
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THE Sterling Nipple is a "Good One," non-collapsible. Pure rubber. We've sold a great many. They give perfect satisfaction. No higher than any other. Get them at CHAMBERS' Postoffice Pharmacy, 57 North street.

DYSPEPSIA Heartburn, Gastritis and all Stomach Disorders positively cured by Grover Graham's Remedy, the celebrated European specific. One dose removes all distress, and a permanent cure of the worst chronic case guaranteed in a short time. Do not suffer. A 50 cent bottle convinces the most skeptical.
Sole agent, F. M. PRONK, Druggist.
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BREAD Winner cook stove, size 8, Dockash grate; blackwalnut bedroom furniture, parrot cage and masquerade suits at the EXCHANGE AND MART CO., No. 46 East Main street.

BOARDING House to let, desirable location on West Main street, Goshen.
87d1mAp11 JAS. J. O'CONNOR.

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CHAMBERS' Pharmacy is open, Sunday, from 8 a. m. to 11 a. m. and 6 to 9 p. m.

LEG OF LAMB ONLY 12½ CENTS A POUND. GET TICKET.
91d3t GREENING'S

CLAIRVOYANT—PROF. W. H. SAGENDORF will return to Middletown April 12th and remain one week at Wm. S. Roe's, 37 James street. 18d&w8mJun17

EXTRACTING with gas 50c., odontunder 50c. No charge for extracting when artificial teeth are to be inserted. Best teeth $6, $8 and $10 a set. Twenty years' experience.
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CHAS. J. KIDD, Jr., 70 Academy avenue—3,000 designs in Wall Paper. Estimates furnished for painting, decorating and hanging. 71dtf

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A SPECIAL Meeting of the McKinley League will be held at Dusenberry's Hall, Wednesday evening, March 17th, at 8 o'clock. A full attendance is desired. Business of importance will be transacted.
1t By order of Ex. Com.

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For the protection of all surfaces exposed to the elements, such as tin, iron or steel roofs, shingle roofs, brick walls, tanks, fire fronts, boilers, steam pip or any metallic surface, subject to a high degree of temperature; also will mend tin roofs and gutters. One coat of our Rubber Roof Paint will last five years or will repaint free of charge. Prices moderate.
MIDDLETOWN ROOFING CO.
73dtf THOS. STACK, Prop., 14 Ogden St.

SUPREME Court, Orange county—Robert H. Clark, plaintiff, against Frank Chardavoyne and another, defendants.

In pursuance of a judgment of foreclosure and sale, made and entered in the above entitled action, bearing date the 30th day of January, 1897, I, the undersigned, the Referee in said judgment named, will sell at public auction, at the Holding House, situate on East Main street, in the city of Middletown, Orange county, N. Y., on the 17th day of March, 1897, at two o'clock in the afternoon of that day, the following described premises:

All that tract or parcel of land, situate in the village of Westtown, county of Orange, and State of New York, and bounded as follows:—Beginning in the centre of the highway of said village, on the south corner of the Presbyterian Church lot, and runs thence along said church lot north forty-six degrees and thirty minutes west six chains and twenty links to the west corner of said lot; thence south forty-six degrees west one chain and nineteen links, to the corner of the land formerly owned by Robert C. Tuthill; thence along the same south forty seven degrees east three chains and sixty-two links to the north corner of the lands formerly belonging to Mrs. Frint, and now owned by Corwin E. Sayer; thence along the same south forty-six degrees east two chains and fifty-eight links to the centre of the aforesaid highway, and thence along the same to the place of beginning, be the same more or less.
Dated Feb. 1st, 1897.
JOHN G. JOHNSON, Referee.
VANAMEE, WATTS & VAIL, Plaintiff's Attorneys, Middletown, N. Y. dTu7tMch16

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a Barrel Best
PATENT FLOUR!
SLOAT'S
Cash Store.

OUR LAST AND BEST TREAT!

Since the beginning of our closing out sale most of our Bargain Lots have been broken up to such an extent, that we again went through our entire stock and still further reduced those goods which have been marked for removal.

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Whatever is then left of winter goods must take care of itself as we shall be too busy with Springwear to say even one good word about winter goods. Remember our prunning knife has been liberally applied throughout our entire stock!

CAST YOUR EYE ON THIS SPOT!

and follow this adv. to the bottom. Men's Suits and Overcoats sold at $5 and $6 former reduction $2.99, now $2.75. Our entire lot of Men's Suits and Overcoats former prices $6, $7, $8, $9, former reductions $4.95 now $4.50. (Every suit and overcoat of this kind bears our guarantee label.) Better Suits and Overcoats according to how badly the stock is broken up at $6 and $7, some that were formerly sold at $10 and $12. Black Diagonal Suits sold by other dealers at $10 and former price $7.75, reduced to

$5.99!

Boys' Suits, Overcoats and Pants in odd sizes at half the former prices. Boys' Suits and Overcoats 14 to 19 years, sold at $3, $4 and $5 at $2.75. Childrens' Suits reduced to as low as

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Any Child's Heavy Suit in Our Store Half the Original Price!

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For this sale we offer also our famous Knee Pants known as

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CHILDREN'S STOCKINGS, FAST BLACK!

A regular 25c. quality, sizes 6 to 9½, our price for this sale

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Men's Socks, Former Price 15c., Now 5c a Pair.

MEN'S DOMET SHIRTS, SOLD ELSEWHERE AT 25 CENTS, OUR PRICE 10 CENTS EACH.

Men's Dress Shirts, With Two Separate Collars, Former Price 75c., Now 38c. Each.

Men's Neckwear!

Men's Silk Tecks sold at 25c. our price now

15 cents!

Men's full flowing end Tecks, fine quality, sold elsewhere at 35c. our price

20 cents!

Men's high grade Neckwear regular 50c. and 75c. goods in Tecks, Four-in-hands, Imperials and Puffs our price

35c. Each or 3 for $1.

MEN'S HATS!

Men's Soft Hats, in small and large shapes, regular 50c. goods

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Men's Fur Derbies, new style, regular price $1

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